

Warminster Area Board – 8 March 2012

Chairman's Announcement

Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-submission document

The Wiltshire Core Strategy pre-submission document was published for consultation on 20 February 2012. The six week statutory consultation period will continue until 2 April 2012. The Wiltshire Core Strategy details a spatial strategy for Wiltshire and related policies to deliver that strategy. The core strategy incorporates a strategy for each community area which identifies specific development sites where appropriate and highlights specific considerations in each area. The Core strategy is available for inspection in all local libraries. Documents which form part of the consultation are Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy, Sustainability Appraisal Report, Habitats Regulations Assessment. All evidence prepared to support the production of the core strategy is also available on the planning pages of the web site.

At this stage the Council are inviting comments on the 'soundness' of the plan and whether the correct legal processes have been followed. To be sound the core strategy policies must be based on clear, robust, up-to-date information. Copies of the core strategy can be viewed in all local libraries and there is a display about the document in Warminster library. All the consultation documents are also available on the Council's web site and at the Council offices at Bradley Road and County Hall, Trowbridge; Browfort, Devizes; Monkton Park, Chippenham and Milford Street, Salisbury. Comments can be submitted on line or in writing but must be received by Monday 2 April 2012.

This is your opportunity to comment on the Council's plans and proposals for Warminster community area and have them considered by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

The Council, subject to no fundamental issues being raised on the soundness of the core strategy, intend to submit the document to the Secretary of State in July. At this stage formal examination of the plan will begin leading to an Examination in Public into the soundness of the document.

Workshops have been arranged for rural parish councils to outline the approach in identifying large and small villages within the core strategy and to discuss the relationship between the core strategy and neighbourhood plans. Rural parishes will receive an invitation to attend. Dates are:

- Biddestone Village Hall, Wednesday 7 March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start
- Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton, Thursday 15 March, 6.30 for a 7pm start
- Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, Monday 19 March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start

(A copy of the community area specific core policy for Warminster is attached for information. This should be read in conjunction with the other policies of the plan that will apply to development in the local area, such as affordable housing policies, climate change policies and transport policies.)

Core Policy 31 - Spatial Strategy: Warminster Community Area

Development in the Warminster Community Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Strategy set out in Core Policy 1:

Market Towns:	Warminster
Larger Villages:	Chapmanslade; Codford; Corsley; Heytesbury; and Sutton Veny
Smaller Villages:	Chitterne; Crockerton; Horningsham; Longbridge Deverill; Maiden Bradley; Stockton and Upton Scudamore

The following Principal Employment Areas will be supported in accordance with Core Policy 35: Crusader Park; Warminster Business Park; Woodcock Road Industrial Estate and Northlands Industrial Estate. Over the plan period (2006 to 2026), 6 ha of new employment land (in addition to that already delivered or committed) and at least 1,770 new homes will be provided. Of these 1,650 dwellings should occur at Warminster, including land identified to the west of Warminster, between the existing built form and the A350 for strategic growth:

West Warminster Urban Extension	6 ha employment	900 dwellings
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The strategic allocation will be brought forward through a master planning process agreed between the community, local planning authority and the developer and should be in accordance with the Development Templates shown by Appendix A:

120 homes will be provided in the rest of the community area. Non strategic development in the Warminster Community Area over the plan period may consist of a range of sites in accordance with Core Policies 1 and 2.

Development proposals in the Warminster Community Area will need to demonstrate how those issues and considerations listed in paragraph 5.155 will be addressed.

Targets: See housing and employment numbers above; Reduction in local unemployment figures.

Monitoring and Review: AMR housing completions; NOMIS official labour market statistics.

Delivery Responsibility: Wiltshire Council; Developers.