

## **Chairman's Announcement**

### **Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-submission document**

The Wiltshire Core Strategy pre-submission document was published for consultation on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The six week statutory consultation period will continue until 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. The Wiltshire Core Strategy details a spatial strategy for Wiltshire and related polices to deliver that strategy. The core strategy incorporates a strategy for each community area which includes specific development sites where appropriate and highlights specific considerations in each area.

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 Bradford onAvon 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<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.

**This is your opportunity to comment on the Council's plans and proposals for Bradford on Avon 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.

(A copy of the community area specific core policy for Bradford on Avon is attached for information. This should be read in conjunction with 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 7 – Spatial Strategy: Bradford-on-Avon Community Area

Development in the Bradford-on-Avon Community Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Strategy set out in Core Policy 1:

Market Towns:	Bradford-on-Avon
Larger Villages:	Holt; Westwood and Winsley
Smaller Villages:	Limpley Stoke; Monkton Farleigh; Staverton and Wingfield

The following Principal Employment Areas will be supported in accordance with Core Policy 35: Treenwood Industrial Estate and Elm Cross Trading Estate

Over the plan period (2006 to 2026), 2 to 3 ha of new employment land (in addition to that already delivered or committed) and at least 670 new homes will be provided. 510 dwellings should occur at Bradford-on-Avon, including land identified to the east of Bradford-on-Avon on land at Kingston Farm for strategic growth:

Land at Kingston Farm	2 to 3 ha employment	150 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 meet any requirements as set out in the Development Templates shown by Appendix A.

160 homes will be provided in the rest of the community area. Non strategic development in the Bradford-on-Avon 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 Bradford-on-Avon Community Area will need to demonstrate how those issues and considerations listed in paragraph 5.36 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.

**Policies replaced:** None

Notes for chairmen:

- Core strategy is available for inspection in all local libraries. The summary display is available in only one location within the community area unless requests for additional copies from other organisations have been received.
- 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.
- Where an area board meeting takes place within the consultation period a spatial plans officer will attend on request.
- 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 have received an invitation to attend. Dates are:
  - Biddestone Village Hall, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start
  - Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7pm start
  - Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start
  - Corn Exchange, Devizes, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7pm start