

Application to Designate Malmesbury Neighbourhood Area

An application for the designation of Malmesbury town, Brokenborough and Malmesbury St Paul Without parish as one neighbourhood area has been received from Malmesbury Town Council on behalf of all three councils. A copy of the application is enclosed.

In order to prepare a neighbourhood plan, the first formal stage is to designate the neighbourhood area (see Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). The 'qualifying body' (usually a town or parish council) has to apply to Wiltshire Council to designate a neighbourhood area, state its reasons and submit a map of the proposed area. Following receipt of the application, Wiltshire Council must consult for at least six weeks before making a decision.

Please note this is a formal regulatory stage on the designation of the neighbourhood area and not consultation on the neighbourhood plan itself which will follow in due course.

Comments can be made on the application during the consultation period starting at **9am on Wednesday 24th October until 5pm on Friday 7th December.**

Following this consultation period Wiltshire Council will consider the comments received in determining the application to ensure that the area is appropriate. The decision will be published on the Council's website.

To make a representation on the proposed neighbourhood area we encourage people to view and respond to the consultation on-line via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning. However, we can also accept representations by e-mail to: neighbourhood.planning@wiltshire.gov.uk or by post to: Spatial Planning, Economy and Regeneration, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

Please note that your comments will be kept on a public file and they may be reproduced publicly in writing or on our website