

Wiltshire Local Development Framework
Consultation Results
Marlborough Community Area

Planning for Wiltshire's Future 2026

- The Wiltshire 2026 consultation formed an important step towards the development of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
- The strategy will eventually replace elements of the existing local plans which planning decisions are currently set against.
- The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;
 - *a vision for Wiltshire;*
 - *the opportunities and issues within each community area;*
 - *proposals for how that area will change over time, including;*
 - *an outline of the suggested scale and location of housing and employment development where identified.*

Consultation process

- The consultation ran from 30 October until 31 December 2009.
- The consultation was publicised widely throughout this period.
- Public exhibitions were held in each community area.
- The consultation material was available for consideration on the council's website, within libraries and council offices.
- Workshops were also held with community representatives and organisations.
- Over 2,000 comments from more than 600 individuals, and organisations were made.

Key issues raised in the Marlborough Community Area

- The importance of protecting Marlborough's natural environment, including the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, was raised a number of times.
- Several comments highlighted an aspiration to improve and encourage more sustainable forms of transportation.
- The need for 'proportionate' growth was seen as being essential to ensure the retention of local services and employment opportunities.
- Mixed response with regards to the level and distribution of new housing within the community area. Several comments proposed distributing more homes to smaller villages within the community area.

Proposed key actions

- Consider how to evaluate and alleviate pressures upon Marlborough's sensitive landscape including the AONB.
- Investigate how to improve Marlborough's sustainable transport linkages and methods.
- Consider the need for 'proportionate' growth of employment and housing opportunities.
- Ensure that any proposed strategic sites take due consideration of environmental designations including Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Sites of Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI).
- Examine Marlborough's constraints, to development, including topography and service provision.
- Consider the implications of a revised housing distribution, including increasing the number of dwellings directed to smaller settlements within the community area.

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