

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Update on planning policy matters, November 2014

Wiltshire Core Strategy

The Core Strategy Inspector has submitted his report to the Council for fact-checking. This is not the final report and is not for publication but provides council officers a 2 week period to check for factual and typographical errors. It is anticipated that the final report will be issued towards the end of November.

In relation to Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade the latest position for housing supply at April 2014 is as follows:

Area	Requirement 2006-26	Housing already provided for		Housing to be identified	
		Completions 2006-14	Specific permitted sites	Strategic sites	Remaining to be identified
Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1070	583	494	0	0
Remainder of the Community area	385	248	24	0	113
Community Area Total	1455	831	518	0	113

NB Specific permitted sites excludes any permission granted since April 2014.

Source: Housing Land Supply Statement, July 2014 (base date for data April 2014)

Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group are continuing to work with Common Places to produce a draft plan. In the latest phase of work housing opportunities around the town are being investigated. The current timetable is to proceed to informal public consultation on a draft plan early in 2015. The consultation will involve an online survey, discussions with landowners and events in the town. It is anticipated that a final draft plan could be submitted to Wiltshire Council during spring 2015 with examination and referendum to follow later in the year.

For more information visit the web site at <http://www.rwbneighbourhood.co.uk/>.

Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan

Cricklade Town Council became designated NP body in February 2013. A working party was founded and an informal consultation was undertaken in April 2014 on key issues. A report on this consultation has been prepared. The events also served as a promotion event for landowners. The neighbourhood plan group qualified for Locality grant funding and has created a website to document progress, see <http://crickladeNP.org.uk/>

The group is in the process of appointing consultants to work on a draft plan. Focus groups are working on housing, business, transport, town centre and open space issues. In terms of housing site selection there appears to be an emphasis on developing general criteria for development but for actual allocations reliance is being placed on Wiltshire Council's Housing Site Allocations DPD.

A project plan has been drafted. Current timeline for informal consultation on the draft plan is April 2015. Thereafter submission of final plan to Wiltshire Council, and formal consultation is anticipated August 2015 with examination and referendum to follow during the autumn/winter 2015

North East Wiltshire Villages Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group are continuing to work with Common Places to produce a draft plan. Initial ideas about policies for most parishes have been circulated for review and there are ongoing discussions about how each parish can develop these into individual area chapters. Review of the overall timetable for the production of a draft plan for informal consultation is to be discussed at the next steering group meeting.

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