

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document Update, April 2015

The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan will allocate new sites for housing to ensure the delivery of the Wiltshire Core Strategy housing requirement over the plan period to 2026 and that a 5 year land supply can be maintained across the plan period in accordance with Government policy. The Council has recently undertaken an early stage informal consultation seeking views on the emerging findings of the draft site assessment process. This included the methodology for site selection as well as potential options for housing sites, including sites at Trowbridge. In addition to Trowbridge, the Plan is considering the allocation of sites at Salisbury, the Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large Villages as identified in the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The consultation closed on 31 March 2015. Further information is available via

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/wiltshsgsiteallocationsplan.htm>

In total around 530 organisations and individuals responded, resulting in 570 comments. The main locations that received comments were Trowbridge (160 comments) and Salisbury (170 comments) on site specific areas, and 240 other comments on the methodology and other sites within Wiltshire. All comments can be viewed on the consultation portal -

http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/spatial_planning/sites_dpd/informal_consultation_on_initial_site_options

The majority of respondents who commented on sites in Trowbridge, raised concern about the loss of the Hilperton Gap.

Work is now being carried out to assess the consultation responses and develop the technical work prior to a full public consultation on the draft Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD, which is scheduled for summer 2015