

Affordable Housing

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National Policy Context

Increase owner-occupation including low cost options
Make best use of existing social housing stock
Reduce burden on public sector (housing benefit bill)
Increase supply of new homes
Promote independent living in the community





PRIORITIES

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Wiltshire priorities

- Ensuring there are a range of housing available to meet needs
- Promoting home ownership housing
- Enabling provision of homes for the most vulnerable
- To help people to achieve independence and choice enabling them to live at home for longer
- To improve the quality and make best use of existing stock



Assessing need

- The core strategy
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment
- Town and parish surveys
- Under-occupation and overcrowding data
- · Demographic trends & census updates
- Existing stock information
- Re-let supply
- Housing register



Basic Stock Profile for South West Wiltshire Area Board Area

	Mere	Tisbury	Wilton	Wiltshire
Owner Occupation	67.8%	65.0%	60.7%	68.3%
Social Housing	15.7%	14.7%	17.3%	14.7%
Private	13.9%	16.9%	19.4%	15.4%
Other	2.6%	3.4%	2.6%	1.6%

Proposed homes to be built 2006 – 2026 (Core Strategy) 960 Delivered 40 new affordable homes during 2010 to 2016



Additional key information

	2016	2026
Population	21,200	21,610
•Under 17	3,940	3,940
Working Age	10,990	10,190
•Retirement age	6,790	7,990

Median house price for Mere and Wilton is £275,000 and £309,000 in Tisbury

Households on the register 1,879

1st preference for South West Wiltshire 45









Next steps

- Commissioning research at community area level
- Developing housing strategy & agreeing priorities
- Work with local communities & partners to understand local need and deliver new homes
- Consider options to increase choices for those not able to meet needs in open market
- Respond to national policy changes

