

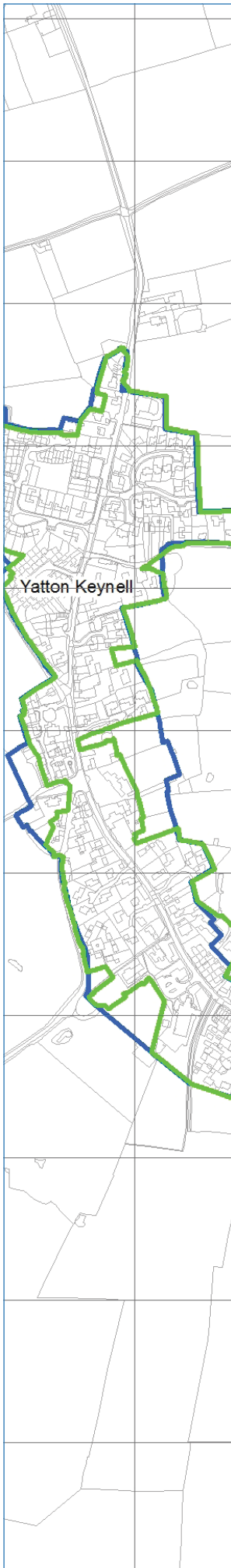


Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

Draft Proposals for Revised Settlement Boundaries

Informal Consultation with Parish and Town Councils

Monday 28 July – Monday 22 September 2014



Introduction

This document sets out the proposed methodology to review the existing boundaries and how Town and Parish Councils can inform the process.

This informal consultation with Parish and Town Councils on the methodology and draft proposals relating to the review of settlement boundaries will last 8 weeks, finishing on Monday 22 September 2014.

Comments at this stage are invited on the appropriateness of the methodology (see page 3) and proposed revisions to boundaries. The responses will be used to develop the proposals for inclusion in the draft plan.

You will find with this document a map(s) showing the current and revised settlement boundaries for your parish. All settlement boundaries can be viewed online via the council's website at:

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

What are settlement boundaries?

The Wiltshire Core Strategy presents a settlement strategy for managing growth over the period up to 2026. The strategy establishes tiers of settlements based on an understanding of their role and function; and how they relate to their immediate communities and wider hinterland.

The Wiltshire Core Strategy identifies four categories of settlements, namely:

- Principal Settlements
- Market Towns
- Local Service Centres
- Large Villages and Small Villages

The Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large Villages have defined settlement boundaries.

In simple terms, a 'settlement boundary' is the dividing line, or boundary between areas of built/urban development (the settlement) and non-urban or rural development – the open countryside.

The settlement boundaries were originally defined in the Kennet Local Plan 2011, North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011, West Wiltshire Local Plan 1st Alteration 2004 and Salisbury District Local Plan 2011.

A variety of terms to describe settlement boundaries are used in these documents as follows:

- Kennet Local Plan – Limits of Development
- North Wiltshire Local Plan – Framework of Settlement
- West Wiltshire Local Plan – Town Policy Limits and Village Policy Limits
- Salisbury District Local Plan – Housing Policy Boundary
- In the Wiltshire Core Strategy, settlement boundaries are described as Limits of Development

The Wiltshire Core Strategy presents a general presumption in favour of sustainable development within the settlement boundaries of Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large Villages. Other than in circumstances, as permitted by other policies within the Core strategy, development will not be permitted outside the defined settlement boundaries. The settlement boundaries may only be altered through the identification of sites for development through site allocations and neighbourhood plans.



Why review settlement boundaries?

The Wiltshire Core Strategy is currently being examined and the Planning Inspector, has highlighted that the extant boundaries were adopted some years ago. As a consequence Wiltshire Council is undertaking a comprehensive review of the boundaries to ensure they are up-to-date for the purposes of the Core Strategy plan period (i.e. 2006 - 2026).

The council is preparing a Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). This informal consultation forms part of the preparation of that DPD. The DPD will do two things:

1. It will review all settlement boundaries in the Wiltshire Core Strategy (see page 3).
2. Identify, where necessary, new allocations for housing at settlements to provide for additional housing to help meet the Core Strategy housing requirement.

Please submit your views on the Draft Proposed Settlement Framework Boundaries using one of the following methods:



Draft methodology for consultation

The following draft criterion has been established to help guide the settlement boundary review process.

Where practical, the draft settlement boundaries follow clearly defined physical features, such as, walls, fences, hedgerows, roads and water courses in order to define the built area of the settlement.

Areas which have been included are:

- both built and extant planning permissions for residential and employment uses for areas which are physically/functionally related to the settlement
- existing and extant planning permissions for community facilities, such as religious buildings, schools and community halls which are considered to be physically/functionally related to the settlement
- site allocations identified in the development plan for both residential, community and employment uses which are physically/functionally related to the settlement.

Areas which have been excluded are:

- curtilages of properties which have the capacity to extend the built form of the settlement. This includes large residential gardens
- recreational or amenity space at the edge of settlements which primarily relate to the countryside (in form or nature)
- isolated development which is physically or visually detached from the settlement (including farm buildings or agricultural buildings, renewable energy installations).

Wiltshire's Settlement Boundaries

Principal Settlements

Chippenham*	Trowbridge
Salisbury	

Local Service Centres

Cricklade	Pewsey
Market Lavington	Downton
Mere	Tisbury
Wilton	

Market Towns

Bradford-on-Avon	Calne
Corsham	Malmesbury
Melksham and Bowerhill village	Royal Wootton Bassett
Warminster	Westbury
Devizes	Marlborough
Tidworth	Ludgershall
Amesbury (Bulford and Durrington)	

Large Villages

Porton	Kington St Michael
Shrewton	Potterne
Tilshead	Rowde
The Winterbournes	Urchfont
Alderbury	West Lavington / Littleton Panell
Coombe Bissett	Worton
Morgan's Vale / Woodfalls	Aldbourn
Pitton	Baydon
Whiteparish	Broad Hinton
Winterslow	Ramsbury
Fovant	Burbage
Hindon	Great Bedwyn
Ludwell	Shalbourne
Broadchalke	Upavon
Dinton	Collingbourne Ducis
Holt	Netheravon
Westwood	Great Wishford
Winsley	Yatton Keynell
Sutton Benger	Colerne
Bromham	Oaksey
Great Somerford	Sherston
Rudloe	Atworth
Box	Seend
Ashton Keynes	Semington
Crudwell	Shaw / Whitley
Studley / Derry Hill	Steeple Ashton
Christian Malford	Hullavington
Lyneham	Codford
Purton	Corsley
Hilperton	Heytesbury
North Bradley	Sutton Veny
Southwick	Bratton
Chapmanslade	Dilton Marsh

* Excluded from the settlement boundary review process. To be undertaken as part of the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD.

Are you developing a neighbourhood plan?

If you have, or are intending to look at settlement boundaries as part of your neighbourhood plan, we are keen to understand any work you have undertaken and the timetable for your plan. This will help us understand the relationship between the two processes.

Additionally if you have established a steering group you may wish to consult them in formulating your response to this consultation.

We are inviting responses to the following questions (please qualify your answers)

Do you consider the criterion for defining the proposed draft settlement boundaries to be the correct ones?

Do you consider that the proposed draft settlement boundaries are drawn in accordance with the criterion?

Are there any areas of the proposed draft settlement boundaries that should be modified?

Are you looking at reviewing your settlement boundary through a neighbourhood plan? If yes what is your anticipated timetable for this work?

Do you have any additional comments relevant to the boundary review?

Please see page 6 for details on how to submit your comments.





Next steps



The timetable for preparing the Site Allocations DPD updates the information presented in the Local Development Scheme (March 2014).

The council is hosting briefing sessions as follows for those parishes affected by the settlement boundary review process:

Date	Venue	Time
Monday 28 July	Calne Town Hall	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday 29 July	Salisbury Guildhall	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 30 July	Trowbridge Civic Centre	6:00pm – 7:00pm

Invitations to the workshops are limited to two representatives from each Parish / Town Council. If you have not provided us with details of the representative(s) who you intend to send and wish to attend please contact: Daniel Wilson; daniel.wilson@wiltshire.gov.uk; 01225 713428.

How to comment



Online: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Email: spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk

By Post:

Representation forms are available on the council's website at the address above.

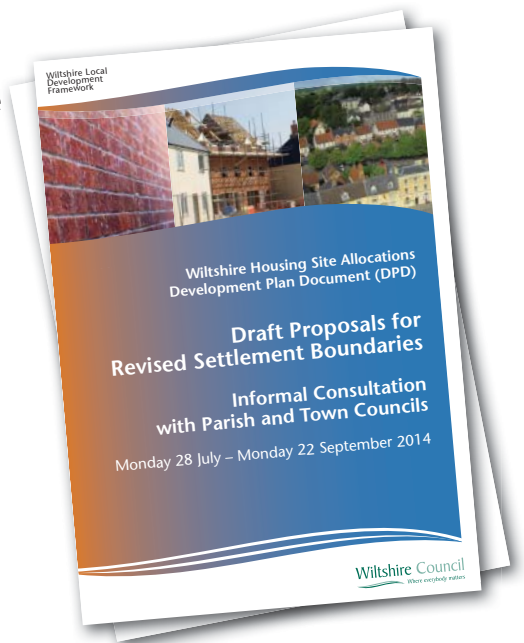
Spatial Planning, Wiltshire, County Hall, Bythesea Rd,
Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN

Please note that all comments and the name of the parish responsible for them will be on public record, and will be made available to view on the council's website.

Further information

For further information, contact the Spatial Planning Team by telephone 01225 713223

or by email spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk.



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