

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Community Led Housing Project in Wiltshire
Web contact:	communityledhousing@wiltshire.gov.uk http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-community-fund

What is Community Led Housing?

Community led housing is about local people playing a leading and lasting role in solving local housing problems, creating genuinely affordable homes and strong communities in ways that are difficult to achieve through mainstream housing.

Community led housing can empower local communities, making them more resilient and able to address issues such as affordable housing and the need for downsizer accommodation.

What is the Wiltshire Community Led Housing Project?

Wiltshire Council, in partnership with Community First and Wiltshire Community Land Trust, has set up a partnership project to advise and support communities to address their housing needs.

The project vision is to enable and support community groups to deliver housing development that provides defined community benefits which are protected in perpetuity; and to provide a legacy for community led development. Localism and innovation lies at the heart of this and it will help to build stronger and more resilient communities. Community led housing can be complimentary of the on-going Neighbourhood Planning work of the council and its communities.

Community led housing needs to have meaningful community engagement and has to have widespread community support. This means the community needs to have a common vision and shared values; they need to be empowered. This project supports and enables groups seeking to deliver alternative solutions to their community needs beyond the mainstream delivery mechanisms. It can also support community groups working in a developer-community partnership.

The project team has been established with two project managers, a senior planning officer and a housing enabler. It is a cross service project. Grant funding is currently available to groups to help with start-up subject to qualifying terms and conditions.

What has happened so far and what will be happening?

The project is currently supporting seven community groups across Wiltshire including the formally incorporated Seend Community Land Trust. This group have been supported in their establishment, and land identification and negotiation work. Going forward, further support will be given through the planning, building and living stages of their projects as appropriate. They started as individuals, formed a steering group and became a legally recognized community led housing group formulating their own development proposals to serve their community needs.

The team are keen to build as wide a network of community led housing groups as possible throughout Wiltshire. We want to speak to anyone who is interested in trying to take a leading role in addressing community housing issues.

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For further information, or to arrange a conversation with one of the project managers please contact the project team at: communityledhousing@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Subject:	Homelessness Strategy Consultation
Web contact:	Weblink to consultation

A consultation has been launched on how we can prevent homelessness and help those who are homeless to find a home.

Wiltshire Council is asking for views on its new strategy which sets out priorities and actions to work with those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness, to help them secure and keep a good home.

Ashley O'Neill, Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "We are making real progress in tackling homelessness in Wiltshire, but we can never be complacent – we always need to do more"

"We need to think creatively, deliver a wide range of services and have effective, strong, partnership working to prevent homelessness, and provide the homeless with support to tackle the cause of their homelessness."

"This strategy will rely on stakeholders and the communities in Wiltshire and we would like people to let us know their views so we can all make a positive impact on preventing homelessness into the future."

The consultation will seek views on five priorities:

- Reducing rough sleeping
- Identifying and preventing homelessness at the earliest possible stage
- Ensuring services are designed to prevent homelessness and support those who are homeless.
- Ensuring those who are threatened with homelessness or who are homeless can secure and keep a suitable home.
- Maintaining effective strategic direction and partnership working

Each priority has a number of actions. These include increasing street outreach, developing a resettlement support service, and ensuring there is more housing available to help the homeless.

The strategy has been informed by Wiltshire Council's Homelessness Review 2018 and Homeless Health Needs Assessment. It also follows the national Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, which introduced a new legal duty on specified public services to refer customers who may be homeless or threatened with homelessness to a local housing authority.

You can access the consultation at

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=155240979642>

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And Subject:	Extended Consultation on Vision for Special School Provision
Web contact:	Specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk

We would like to draw your attention to the news that Wiltshire Council is extending its consultation on special school provision.

The Council has withdrawn the statutory proposal to close Larkrise, St Nicholas and Rowdeford schools and create one new, larger school in Rowde by 2023 to enable further wider views and thoughts to be put forward. An explanation of why this has been done can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/extended-consultation-on-vision-for-special-schools-in-wiltshire>

Wiltshire Council has now opened the extended pre-publication consultation outlined in the link above. You can find the new consultation (alongside a briefing paper) here:

http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/education/special_schools_consultation_extension Please note that **consultation responses already provided** to the council will be automatically considered as pre-publication consultation, and **do not need to be resubmitted**.



We have also set up two opportunities to have a face-to-face discussion. These are:

Friday 5 April 10:30am-12:00noon in Chippenham (Venue: Hardenhuish School, Colborne Room – SN14 6RJ)

Thursday 2 May 6:30pm-8:00pm in Trowbridge (Venue: The John of Gaunt School, The Hub – BA14 9EH)

A third session in Devizes is also planned (Fri 3 May, 10:30-12noon) – venue to be confirmed.

If you would like to attend one of these events, please email Specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk to book your place.

In the summer, the council will provide revised statutory proposals (that is, firm proposals on how we plan to produce the additional places) which will go out for further consultation for another four weeks.

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Subject:	The Maltings and Central Car Park Masterplan Consultation
Web contact:	http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal

Wiltshire Council is consulting on a draft masterplan for the redevelopment of The Maltings and Central Car Park, Salisbury. Once the masterplan has been endorsed by Wiltshire Council it will provide a clear approach for how the site is to be redeveloped over the coming years.

Availability of documents

The draft masterplan for The Maltings and Central Car Park and information on how to make comments will be published on **Monday 15th April 2019**. The documents will be available on the Wiltshire Council website at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy

Paper copies will also be made available to view during normal opening hours at:

- Salisbury Library
- Wilton Library
- Downton Library
- Amesbury Library
- Durrington Library
- Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Salisbury
- Wiltshire Council offices in Salisbury (Bourne Hill)
- Wiltshire Council offices in Trowbridge (County Hall)

How to comment

Comments from the public are invited on the draft masterplan from **9:00am Monday 15th April** until **5:00pm Friday 24th May 2019**. Comments can be made:

- Online via the council's consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>
- By email to majorprojects@wiltshire.gov.uk
- By post to: Major Projects, Wiltshire Council, The Council House, Bourne Hill, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 3UZ

Public exhibition

A public exhibition will be held on **Tuesday 23rd April** from **9:30am - 6:45pm** at Salisbury Guildhall. Wiltshire Council officers will be available during this time to answer questions about the draft masterplan.

Next steps

All comments received during the consultation period will be taken into consideration. A final version of the masterplan for The Maltings and Central Car Park will be prepared taking into account the comments that are received during the consultation, before being presented to Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee for endorsement.

Any queries should be made to Major Projects on 01722 434354 or by email to majorprojects@wiltshire.gov.uk