

Newsletter

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Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination

The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan was formally endorsed by Cabinet on 3 July 2018 and approved by council on 10 July 2018. In accordance with legislative procedures, the plan, along with the council's schedule of proposed changes, evidence documents, proposed revisions to the Wiltshire Policies Map and all representations submitted through formal consultation on the draft plan, were submitted to the Secretary of State on 31 July 2018.

We've notified anyone who asked to be informed when the plan was submitted.

All the materials submitted to the Secretary of State are available for inspection on the council's website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshsgsiteallocationsplan.htm> and at all hubs and libraries.

The plan and schedule of proposed changes will now be formally examined against the tests of soundness, a process due to last the remainder of this year. In accordance with section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) John Mattocks BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI has been appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the Plan is sound. The precise date for the opening of any formal hearing part of the examination into the Plan will be decided by the Inspector. As further information regarding the examination process emerges, it will be posted on the website.

Students plot future after A Level results

Students have been praised for their dedication as they collected their A level results across the county last week.

Wiltshire Council congratulated the students and offered advice in planning next steps in education, training or apprenticeship.

Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children, said: "It's a big day for the young people, and their teachers, parents and carers.

"It's an exciting time, with a host of options ahead of them.

"Those who haven't got the grades they hoped for should remember it's not the end of the world. There are always more chances, and plenty of help available in deciding what route to take next."

There is a range of support for people who may require advice. The schools, Wiltshire College and the University and College Admissions Service (UCAS) helpline all have advisers and a wide range of information available.

National Careers Service provides information can be found online at

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Families encouraged to have their say

Families are being encouraged to take part in a short survey to help gather views on some of the key stages of childhood and parenting.



The survey has been launched by the Families and Children's Transformation programme (FACT). FACT is a programme of work being undertaken by a wide range of organisations looking to make lives better for children, young people and families.

Organisations involved include Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire police, NHS and schools as well as family support services, early years' providers such as children's centres, childminders and nurseries and also a wide variety of community and voluntary sector partners.

Now children and young people, their parents and carers are being asked to provide information on their experiences to help shape services for the future. The short survey asks families what's important to them and how they want to be supported during times of need.

The survey can be answered by parents and carers or by children and young people looking at the questions relevant to them. The survey is available at

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=153190482738> until 7 September.

Wiltshire Council earns high marks from Ofsted for family learning

Ofsted inspectors have praised Wiltshire Council's family learning team for making improvements in the service it provides for adults reconnecting with education.

Following a monitoring visit, Ofsted awarded Good Progress status in all four of the key development areas which were singled out in an inspection last year.

They were awarded good progress in these areas:

- Tutors should ensure that the guidance given to learners before they start their courses take account of their circumstances, and that learners fully understand the information given to them
- Tutors should structure teaching to take full account of learners' starting points and gaps in their knowledge
- Managers should assess what learners have learned and review the quality of lessons
- Managers and tutors should review how potential learners are assessed when they start their courses



The team's governors earned a Good Progress rating for developing their understanding of how to provide effective support to managers.

The inspectors' verdict arrived shortly after an awards ceremony at County Hall, Trowbridge, where learners and their families joined council officers to celebrate a year of achievement.

The Mill pub safe and will reopen in the autumn

Decontamination efforts at The Mill pub in Salisbury are now complete and the site has been handed back to its owners.

Following extensive cleaning and testing by specialist teams, Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) has confirmed that the pub is now safe and can be reopened to the public after some necessary refurbishment and maintenance work over summer.

A Defra spokesperson said: "The thorough work to decontaminate The Mill pub in Salisbury has been successfully completed and we have handed the site back to Wiltshire Council, who have in turn passed it back to the owners to begin refurbishment.

"As with other sites in the South Wiltshire area affected by the incidents in March and June, government scientists have carefully examined the clean-up work and are satisfied that the pub is safe to return to public use.

"This is the sixth site to be handed back as part of the ongoing decontamination operation in the area, and it is great news that The Mill will be enjoyed by both Salisbury residents and visitors once again."

Alistair Cunningham, chair of the South Wiltshire Recovery Coordinating Group, said: "We're delighted that The Mill has been handed back following the clean-up by specialist teams, and that it is now safe to be returned to its owners and refurbished ready for normal use.

"We look forward to the reopening of this popular city centre pub and seeing local people and visitors to the city enjoying what it has to offer; particularly its wonderful riverside setting.

"This is a positive step forward and will help the city in its recovery. Salisbury is getting back to normal even though it continues to be in an unprecedented situation. Local residents and visitors have not been deterred and they have shown remarkable resilience over the past few months."

Andrea Greenwood, operations manager for the Mill pub, said: "It's good to get the pub back and we look forward to it being business as usual again at the heart of the Salisbury community.

"This has been a difficult few months for all of us in the area but we are pleased by this news and will now assess the extent of refurbishment work to be undertaken to get the pub back to its best.

"This is about more than just one pub and our thoughts are very much with everyone affected by events since March. It's too soon to give a reopening date but we are looking to the future and hope to be able to welcome the community back through our doors before Christmas."

Owners charged for dumping cars

Two careless car owners have been hit with £200 penalties after dumping their old vehicles in the countryside.

Wiltshire Council officers removed an abandoned Ford Fiesta from Durley, near Marlborough, and a Volkswagen Golf from a roadside in Burbage.

Both were untaxed.

The owners were issued with fixed penalty notices.

Under the Refuse and Disposal Amenity Act 1978 council enforcement officers can immediately remove vehicles they deem to be abandoned, issue a fixed penalty notice to the owner and claim disposal costs.

Vehicles can cause a big safety issue and are an environmental hazard.



What's on



If you would like to promote an event in your area to staff and the wider public why not use the [events calendar](#) on our website. You can find the link to the calendar on the home page under ["What's on"](#).

Check what else is on at Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon:

www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk and City Hall in Salisbury: www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Quick links

Area Board information - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm

All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire - <https://heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

Community virtual notice boards - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm

Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm

Tree wardens for Wiltshire - www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

What's on in Wiltshire - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm

What's on at City Hall in Salisbury - www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

A blog for Wiltshire's arts community - <http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

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