

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Wiltshire Local Plan review consultation
Web contact:	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review-consultation and http://wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers .

Consultations on both the Wiltshire Local Plan review and the scope and content of the proposed Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document will begin on Wednesday 13 January and run until Tuesday 9 March 2021.

Information on both consultations, including how to comment will be available for the start of the consultation period via the links on the council's planning policy webpages:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review-consultation> and <http://wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers>.

Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- Online via the above links;
- By email to: spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk; and
- Post to: Spatial Planning, Economic Development and Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JQ.

Should people wish to speak to a planning policy officer about the consultations they can call the council on 0300 456 0100.

Consultation to inform the Wiltshire Local Plan review

Wiltshire Council has to allocate sufficient land to satisfy housing and employment needs up to 2036 in its Local Plan. As such it is seeking the views of local communities and stakeholders to see if the suggested distribution of numbers across the county is correct, as well as which of the proposed sites are most suitable at the county's principal settlements and market towns.

The consultation also invites comments on a planning framework for rural areas to support neighbourhood planning and to address local housing needs, and provides the opportunity to comment on how the council's planning policies can be shaped to address climate change.

Feedback during this review consultation will help to shape the draft Local Plan, which will then be produced, and people will be given another opportunity to take part in a further consultation in late 2021.

As COVID restrictions mean that face-to-face events will not be possible during this consultation, the council is holding a series of online events for people to find out more about what the Local Plan consultation involves and how to comment.

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Each event relates to a particular settlement, and there are also two events for rural areas, which include all other Wiltshire villages and settlements that are not covered in the other 15 events.

The online events, which will be held from 7pm-8pm are on Wednesday 27 January for Devizes; and Monday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February for rural areas. People can sign up for the events in advance via [this link](#), or by contacting the council via email (spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk), or phone (0300 456 0100).

Gypsies and Travellers Plan

Comments are sought on the proposed scope and content of the Gypsies and Travellers plan. In line with Government planning policy and legislation, the plan will look to allocate land for travellers in sustainable locations to meet their permanent and temporary accommodation needs up until 2036.

This consultation will help to shape a draft plan, which the council will then prepare and consult on autumn 2021.