

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Stonehenge Area Board

**Place:** Online Meeting

**Date:** 10 June 2021

**Start Time:** 6.30 pm

**Finish Time:** 8.15 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman) and Cllr Kevin Daley

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Jacqui Abbott (Community Engagement Manager), Dominic Argar (assistant Multimedia Officer) and Tara Shannon (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

### **Town and Parish Councils**

Amesbury Town Council, Berwick St James Parish Meeting, Durrington Town Council, Enford Parish Council, Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council, Netheravon Parish Council, Shrewton Parish Council, South Newton Parish Council, Tilshead Parish Council and Woodford Parish Council

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

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**Total in attendance: 30**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
4	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board.</p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors and Parishes present at the meeting introduced themselves.</p>
5	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stapleford Parish Council.</li> </ul>
6	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last two meetings were presented for consideration and it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the meetings on 18 March 2021 and 18 May 2021 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
7	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
8	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that the Parishes within the Amesbury Area Board had changed and a slide was shown to the meeting detailing the Parishes that now made up the Amesbury Area Board and which division they were in. The Chairman also detailed the new model for Area Boards which involved there being 4 Area Board 'business meetings' across the year. In between these meetings there would be informal engagement activities scheduled flexibly as and when needed by the Community Engagement Manager. Further details could be found in the agenda pack. The Chairman also announced that he would visit as many Town and Parish Councils as he could so that people's voices could be heard. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman would also be holding monthly virtual Area Board drop-in clinics from August onwards.</p>
9	<p><u>Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the written updates in the agenda pack and verbal updates were received from the following partners:</p>

- **Wiltshire Police**

Inspector Tina Osborn gave an update to the meeting stating that she had taken over from Inspector Dean Knight and there had been a slight change to the structure within neighbourhood teams. There would now be dedicated neighbourhood teams and dedicated response teams, but these teams would work closely together. Inspector Osbourn covered community and neighbourhood issues for Amesbury, Tidworth and Salisbury. All crime figures in Amesbury were low, and below average, however there had been a spike as restrictions were relaxed in February and another spike was expected the next time restrictions were relaxed. The force were undertaking lots of community engagement work, both face to face and virtually.

The summer solstice was coming up and work was taking place on preparing for a potentially bigger event at Stonehenge this year, dependent on restrictions. There was also a small protest camp near Stonehenge and there was good engagement between the Police and the camp.

Inspector Osbourn encouraged attendees to report any issues they came across in all areas. Intelligence was vital to planning resources.

In response to questions Inspector Osbourn explained that she did not have data regarding traffic issues or speeding to hand, particularly regarding the A36, but Sarah Holden who leads community speedwatch was probably the best person to contact so she would pass on contact details.

Inspector Osbourn was unaware of anti-social behaviour issues in Centenary Park, near Evergreen Court. She stated that she would chase up with the PCSO team and advised that all issues such as these should be reported via 101 or the [online reporting system](#).

- **DWFRS**

Matthew Maggs, DWFRS Station Commander for South East Wiltshire, gave an update to the meeting. Mr Maggs explained that consultations with members of the fire authority were underway to put Amesbury Fire Station back to a day crewed status. So full time fire fighters would be based there either 5 or 7 days a week, which was good news for Amesbury. There were struggles keeping the station and crews available at all times so the DWFRS were always looking to recruit on call fire fighters. The DWFRS were also catching up on fire safety checks and hopefully the back log caused due to the pandemic would start to reduce soon.

In response to questions Mr Maggs explained that the police would be

better placed to advise on the causes of the Road Traffic Collisions the crews had attended and that the DWFRS would be retaining 2 appliances (fire engines) in Amesbury.

- **Town and Parish Councils**

#### **Durrington Town Council**

Cllr Marion Wardell gave an update stating that Durrington was thriving and busy and starting to open back up again, welcoming people back to their venues and youth services would be restarting in June. There was a project underway with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in order to tackle river bank erosion caused by water voles, which were a protected species. Works would be undertaken in the Autumn once nesting season was over. It was hoped that residents would volunteer to help in this project. In the summer CCTV would be installed on the pavilion on the rec and it was hoped that this would deter vandalism. The pavilion had a new boiler in Durrington had some new SIDS (speed indicator devices), in part thanks to grants from Amesbury Area Board.

#### **Shrewton Parish Council**

Cllr Richard Harris gave an update to the meeting and had sent in a written report which is appended to the minutes. One of the main issues for Shrewton was the large volume of traffic transiting through the village and speeding.

#### **Berwick St James Parish Meeting**

Christian Lange gave an update to the meeting stating that he had been to a Town and Parish Council session run by Wiltshire Council, on Carbon Reduction with Ariane Crampton, Head of Carbon Reduction, which was excellent and he presented the details to the parish meeting. 75% of attendees expressed interest in a special meeting to discuss the issues raised and look at what other parishes had done regarding the reducing carbon emissions. The Chairman requested an invite to the session.

#### **Amesbury Town Council (ATC)**

Cllr Ian Mitchell stated that ATC were restarting the neighbourhood planning process, were keen to involve everyone and would be holding virtual sessions on the subject. A presentation regarding the Amesbury neighbourhood plan is appended to the minutes.

At the Chairman's invitation Cllr Robert Yuill gave an update on the Boscombe Down playing fields which were currently unused. Cllr Yuill explained that he had been contacted regarding ATC taking over Boscombe Down playing fields. ATC had voted to begin negotiations with the MOD on taking over the asset. It would be a long process but was a very positive step for all in the local area.

10	<p><u>A303 - Highways England</u></p> <p>Marcia Daniels and David Bullock of Highways England gave an update to the meeting on the A303 Stonehenge project. The project was facing a Judicial Review which had been lodged against the Department for Transport, rather than Highways England, regarding how the decision on the project was made. It was hoped that there would be a positive outcome to the Judicial Review around July 2021, then preliminary works could begin in late summer 2021, meanwhile the tendering process was already underway.</p> <p>The main contractor would be announced around the end of 2021 and the main works were scheduled to start in late 2022 or early 2023. Throughout this period preliminary works would be underway which included archaeological, ecological and supporting utility works.</p> <p>As part of the supporting utility works in order to ensure there was enough power for the project, the utility company (Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks) had determined that a high voltage power cable needed to be laid from the substation in Wilton, along the A360 up to the A303. As a result of this the A360 would be closed from September to December 2021. It was explained that lots of research and modelling had been undertaken regarding this. The closure and subsequent diversion would add approximately 9 to 12 minutes to a journey. There would be mitigating factors in place to try to prevent people 'rat running' through the Woodford Valley. Highways England were leading on communicating details out to people.</p> <p>Attendees and Councillors discussed the project and road closure, the main issues raised being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That whilst local people wanted the project to improve the traffic flow on the A303 there were a lot of worries regarding the disruption caused by the project.</li> <li>• The route of the diversion was queried. It was explained the traffic would be monitored and if problems arose it may be possible to alter the diversion route.</li> <li>• Details regarding the modelling used were questioned, details were explained; many scenarios were tested and this solution was found to be the most effective although some disruption was inevitable.</li> <li>• The possibility of 'rat running' through the Woodford Valley was a worry, it was explained that as a mitigating factor a new weight limit through the Woodford Valley was proposed to prevent lorries going that way. For contractors working on the project there were also planning and contractual requirements to prevent them going that way. Any breaches should be reported and they would be taken seriously.</li> <li>• Why the power could not be provided by going through fields or updating the current overhead lines. It was explained that SSEN had determined that the only viable solution was what was proposed.</li> </ul> <p>It was hoped that all involved and affected by the project could keep</p>
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	<p>talking and work through any issues together being proactive rather than reactive.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Engagement Manager (CEM) Delegated Decision</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced a report on page 27 of the agenda which detailed a proposal that the delegated authority of the CEM be updated to enable urgent grant applications to be determined in between meetings.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed the motion as detailed in the report, which was seconded by Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>That in order to expedite the work of the Area Board and to deal with urgent matters that may arise between meetings, the Community Engagement Manager, following consultation with the Chairman (or in their absence, the Vice Chairman) of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects (including youth, health and wellbeing and community area transport) from the delegated budget of up to £5,000 per application between meetings of the Area Board. The Community Engagement Manager should seek the views of all Area Board members to obtain a majority in support, prior to the expenditure being agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Decisions taken between meetings will be reported in the funding report to the next meeting of the Area Board explaining why the matter was considered urgent or necessary to expedite the work of the Board. Where a significant number of urgent matters arise between meetings, a special meeting may be called, following consultation with the Chairman to determine such matters.</b></p>
12	<p><u>Community Area Status Report and Area Board priority setting</u></p> <p>Jacqui Abbott, Community Engagement Manager, explained that she had been undertaking engagement work with a large array of community groups, partners and parishes in order to determine what was important to the people of the Amesbury Community Area. The Community Status Report in the agenda pack detailed the findings and the top five priority themes. These top five themes needed to be confirmed by the Area Board and lead councillors assigned to them so that a rolling work plan could be developed.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed the top five priority themes and lead councillors for each area, this was seconded by Cllr Mark Verbinnen and it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>That Amesbury Area Board confirm the top five priorities for a rolling work plan and assign lead councillors to those priorities as follows:</b></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mental Health – Cllr Dr Monica Devendran and Cllr Mark Verbinnen.</li> <li>2. Digital inclusion – Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Mark Verbinnen and Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling.</li> <li>3. Climate Change / environment – Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Rob Yuill</li> <li>4. Opportunities &amp; Activities for young people, Cllr Mark Verbinnen</li> <li>5. Loneliness and isolation – All Councillors</li> </ol>
13	<p><u>Appointments of Lead Members to Outside Bodies and Working Groups</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that details regarding the appointments of lead Members to Outside Bodies and Working Groups could be found in the report at pages 45 – 62 of the agenda pack. The Board had previously had discussions on Members preferred areas of interest and therefore the Chairman made a proposal, which was seconded by Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling. It was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>That the Area Board Appoint Members as Lead representatives to the Outside Bodies listed in Appendix A, as follows:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Stonehenge World Heritage Site Steering Group – Cllr Kevin Daley, and</li> <li>o A303 Stonehenge Steering Group – Cllr Kevin Daley</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) <b>That the Area Board reconstitute and appoint Lead representatives to AB Themed Areas and the Working Group(s) listed in Appendix B as follows:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CATG and Environment – Cllr Graham Wright</li> <li>o Children&amp; Young People and Arts &amp; Culture – Cllr Mark Verbinnen</li> <li>o HWBG and Older People - Cllr Dr Monica Devendran (Lead), Cllr Kevin Daley (Second)</li> <li>o Leisure, Grants, MCI, Paths for All – Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling</li> <li>o Housing and Development – Cllr Rob Yuill</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) <b>That the Area Board note the Terms of Reference for the Working Group(s), as set out in Appendix C</b></li> </ul>
14	<p><u>Area Board Re-naming</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that Amesbury Area Board had been considering for</p>

	<p>some time whether to change its name. Public consultation in the form of a survey was carried out to gage community feeling. The most popular response was to change the name of the Area Board to was Stonehenge Area Board.</p> <p>At the last Area Board meeting the board recommended to the post-election area board that they change their name to the Stonehenge Area Board, as it was a neutral, more representative and encompassing name for the new community area.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed that the board recommend to Wiltshire Council that the name of the Area Board be changed to Stonehenge Area Board as soon as possible. This was seconded by Cllr Mark Verbinnen.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To recommend to Wiltshire Council that the name of the Area Board be changed to Stonehenge Area Board as soon as possible.</b></p>
15	<p><u><a href="#">Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</a></u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that there had not been a meeting of the CATG since February, however the next meeting would be held on 14 July 2021 on MS Teams.</p> <p>The Chairman was the new Chair of the CATG and encouraged all parishes to get their requests in by completing the <a href="#">online forms</a>.</p>
16	<p><u><a href="#">Update from CEM</a></u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that there would be no update from the Community Engagement Manager as all the updates were covered under other agenda items.</p>
17	<p><u><a href="#">Amesbury Youth Forum and Youth Grant Applications</a></u></p> <p>Cllr Mark Verbinnen as the councillor lead on Children and Young People gave an update on the Amesbury Youth Forum or Local Youth Network (LYN). Cllr Verbinnen stated that the forum met on 8 June and despite some technical difficulties the meeting had gone well. 12 groups and organisations were in attendance.</p> <p>Cllr Vebinnen aimed to make the LYN an extensive partnership of all organisations working with young people and making sure that youth voice was heard in the Amesbury Community Area. It was hoped that the LYN would meet 4 times a year and Cllr Verbinnen and the CEM would visit and engage with groups over the year.</p> <p>Priorities were to get more groups attending and networking. Also, to get more activities up and running and ensure that those that were in place were well</p>

	<p>publicised. £22,000 in grant funding was available from the Area Board and there were also other funders that could be discussed at the meetings. It was hoped that it may be possible to get some youth involvement in the group and Cllr Vebinnen would be meeting with the headteacher of Stonehenge School regarding this.</p> <p>The Youth grant application was well received and was recommended by the LYN for approval by the Area Board.</p> <p>Cllr Verbinne proposed the youth grant application as detailed in the agenda pack, which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright. It was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To award Enford and Avon Valley Youth Club, £714.16 towards their Enford and Avon Valley Youth club cooking lessons project.</b></li> </ul>
18	<p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing Group</u></p> <p>The Chairman, as the outgoing Chair of the HWBG thanked everyone who had been involved in the past and introduced a HWBG grant application as detailed within the agenda. It was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To award Amesbury Green Fingers, £1,750.00 towards fencing for a gardening project for older and vulnerable people.</b></li> </ul> <p>The Chairman then invited Cllr Dr Monica Devendran as the new Chair of the HWBG to take the floor. Cllr Dr Devendran thanked everyone and stated how delighted she was to be Chair of the HWBG.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting taking place online on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 6.30pm was announced. Cllr Devendran explained that there was £7,900.00 in funding available for HWB projects.</p> <p>Priorities for the group included mental health, digital inclusion, isolation and loneliness and activities for older and vulnerable people to get back out and about. People were encouraged to get in touch if they needed help with these sorts of issues.</p>
19	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, lead Member for grants explained that as there were now 4 business meeting a year there would be less meetings to approve grants, so he encouraged people to get their grant applications in. There were also the newly approved increased delegated powers of the Community Engagement Manager, so that urgent applications could be considered between meetings. There was</p>

	<p>nearly £50,000 available and if all the grants proposed at the meeting were approved there would be around £41,5000 left.</p> <p>Cllr Blair-Pilling introduced the grants and applicants spoke in support of their applications. Cllr Blair-Pilling explained that the grant applications had been properly scrutinised and met the criteria. Cllr Blair-Pilling proposed all applications as detailed within the agenda pack, which was seconded by Cllr Graham Wright. After which it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To grant the Enford and Avon Valley Youth Club, £429.00 towards an Enford and Avon Valley Youth Club Laptop</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant Amesbury Carnival and Show, £550.00 towards the Amesbury Community Festival of Fun.</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant the Lady Antrobus Trust, £400.00 towards the Angel of Muns Statue visiting Amesbury.</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant the Buzz Action Foundation, £5,000.00 towards Big Rig Outdoor Activities with Disabled Access.</b></li> <li>• <b>To grant a Councillor Led Initiative, £5,000 towards Councillor Led Community Engagement Initiatives.</b></li> </ul>
20	<p><u>Open Floor</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that he Open Floor section was a chance for residents to ask questions of their Area Board and therefore invited questions from attendees.</p> <p>Christian Lange asked a question regarding how the new lead Councillor for the Environment and the area board priority of climate change/environment would work. The Chairman explained that he was very keen to move this forward, he would like to invite all interested parties to sessions along with the parishes and hoped to set up some sort of working group.</p> <p>John Derryman of South Newton and asked how his parish could get involved in working groups. The Chairman stated that Jacqui Abbott would be in touch with all parishes to try to involve them and engage them as much as possible.</p> <p>In response to a question from the Chair attendees stated they felt the Open Floor section was a good idea.</p>
21	<u>Urgent items</u>

	There were no urgent items.
22	<u>Close</u>  The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and announced that the next meeting of the Area Board would be held on 23 September 2021.

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Shrewton PC Report for Amesbury Area Board.

The most pressing issue for Shrewton is the traffic that 'rat runs' through the village. During lockdown, traffic on village roads reduced to levels not seen for many years but the recent spring bank holiday brought about a 'return to normal'. Much of this traffic is simply avoiding the A303 bottleneck at Stonehenge; the roads that are particularly badly impacted are the B3083 London Road / High Street and the B3083 Salisbury Road towards Winterbourne Stoke. Traffic levels in these roads increased dramatically after the closure of the A344, many drivers seem totally oblivious to the lack of pavements and drive with no consideration whatsoever for pedestrians and other 'non-motorised' road users – even where there are pavements drivers have mounted these to get around obstructions such as other vehicles waiting for on-coming traffic.

Shrewton's Community Speedwatch team have resumed their activities which will not be welcomed by all; the roads through Shrewton have a 30mph speed limit but the Friday before the spring bank holiday some motorists were caught driving in excess of 45mph (one motorist was registered in excess of 55mph), despite the 30mph speed limit. Shrewton does have some speed indicator devices (but not enough to cover all roads at all times), these have a marked effect at their locations and their extended absence due to lockdown was noticed, however they are now being deployed again and more people to help maintain them have been recruited.

The events of 2020 caused just about all venues to close but, now that lockdown is easing, in Shrewton they are starting to re-open their doors. Shrewton Village Hall is under a new management committee which is making considerable efforts to improve the hall and grounds as a community facility and the groups that used to use it such as the dog club, Zumba, the cricket club and Chatterbox (the baby and toddler group) are already active or have bookings in place. A Community Garden has been planned and work to bring this to fruition has started and many people are looking forward to being able to use the outdoor exercise equipment again.

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# Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning 2021

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# On Plans and Planning

<sup>Page 16</sup>  
“Peace-time plans are of no particular value,  
but peace-time planning is indispensable.”

1984, The Papers of **Dwight David Eisenhower**,  
Volume XI: Columbia University, Editor Louis Galambos et al,  
Letter from: Dwight Eisenhower, Letter to: Hamilton Fish Armstrong,  
Date: December 31, 1950, Start Page 1516, Quote Page 1516,  
Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, Maryland. (Verified with hard copy)

# Neighbourhood Planning - Topics

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- Introduction
- Current Process
- Previous planning
  - Amesbury Community Strategic Plan
  - Neighbourhood Plan Area
- To discuss
  - Whether to proceed to planning
  - Area to cover
  - Lines of development
  - Stakeholders
- Next steps

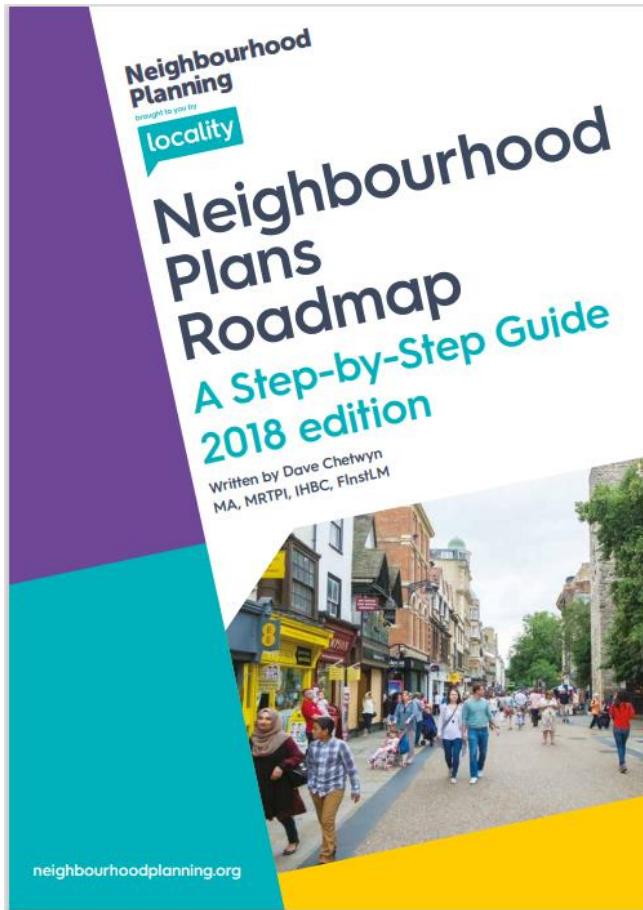
# What a Neighbourhood Plan is

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- Planning policy for a Neighbourhood area to guide future development.
- About the use and development of land
- May contain
  - a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities
  - allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development
  - a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues
    - housing, employment, design, heritage and transport or one or two issues the area has been identified and approved by the parish council

# 2021 Process

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- Stage 1 – Getting established
- Stage 2 – Preparing the plan
- Stage 3 – Bringing the plan into force

# Steps to a Neighbourhood Plan in 3 stages

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- Town Council identify and approve the **area**
- Submit this to the local planning authority for **designation**.
- Develop community **engagement** and proportionate **evidence** base to understand area, views, aspirations, wants and needs of local people.
- Complete Neighbourhood **Plan**
- Submit Plan to the local planning authority
- Independent **examination**, revisions
- Public **referendum** - Requiring more than 50% of those voting to vote “yes” to bring plan into force

# The Basic Conditions

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- All Neighbourhood plans must meet the ‘basic conditions’ set out in planning law as tested by independent examination:
  - have regard to national policy
  - contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
  - be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area
  - be compatible with EU obligations

# Evidence

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- Local plan, and the evidence underpinning that plan or any emerging local plan;
  - Strategic Housing Market Assessments (SHMA)
  - Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessments (SHELAA), Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments (SHLAA)O
- Other local authority plans and strategies, such as
  - Economic development strategies;
  - Opinion-based research for Local Authority
  - Socio-economic data for district/ward (census and other data);
  - technical reports

# Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning

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- 1990s - Amesbury Vision
- 2000s Amesbury Market Town Partnership
  - Amesbury Community Strategic Plan (ACSP)
    - Retail Inquiry
    - Wiltshire Core Strategies
    - “Hinterlands”
- 2010s Amesbury Neighbourhood Plan
  - Defining the Neighbourhood – 2014-2016
- 2018 Guidance
  - For town or parish councils, there is a **presumption** that the Neighbourhood area will be **the same as the parish boundary.** However, they may choose a smaller and more focused area, such as a town or local centre –That may not fit here



Amesbury House

## 2. Profile of the Amesbury Area

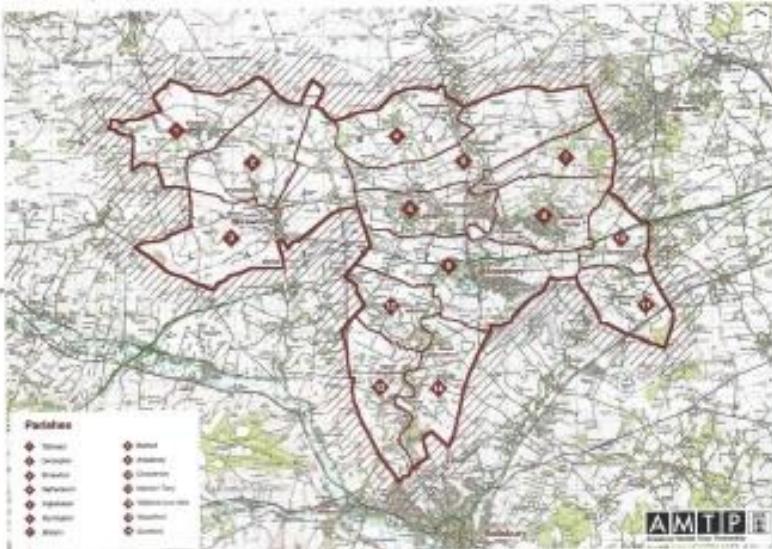
This chapter provides some key facts about the Amesbury area, to give a background for our Community Strategic Plan.

Amesbury is a small town with a population of around 9,500, overlooking the valley of the River Avon.



St Mary & St Ithamar Church

### AMESBURY MARKET TOWN PARTNERSHIP - Community Strategic Action Plan Study Area



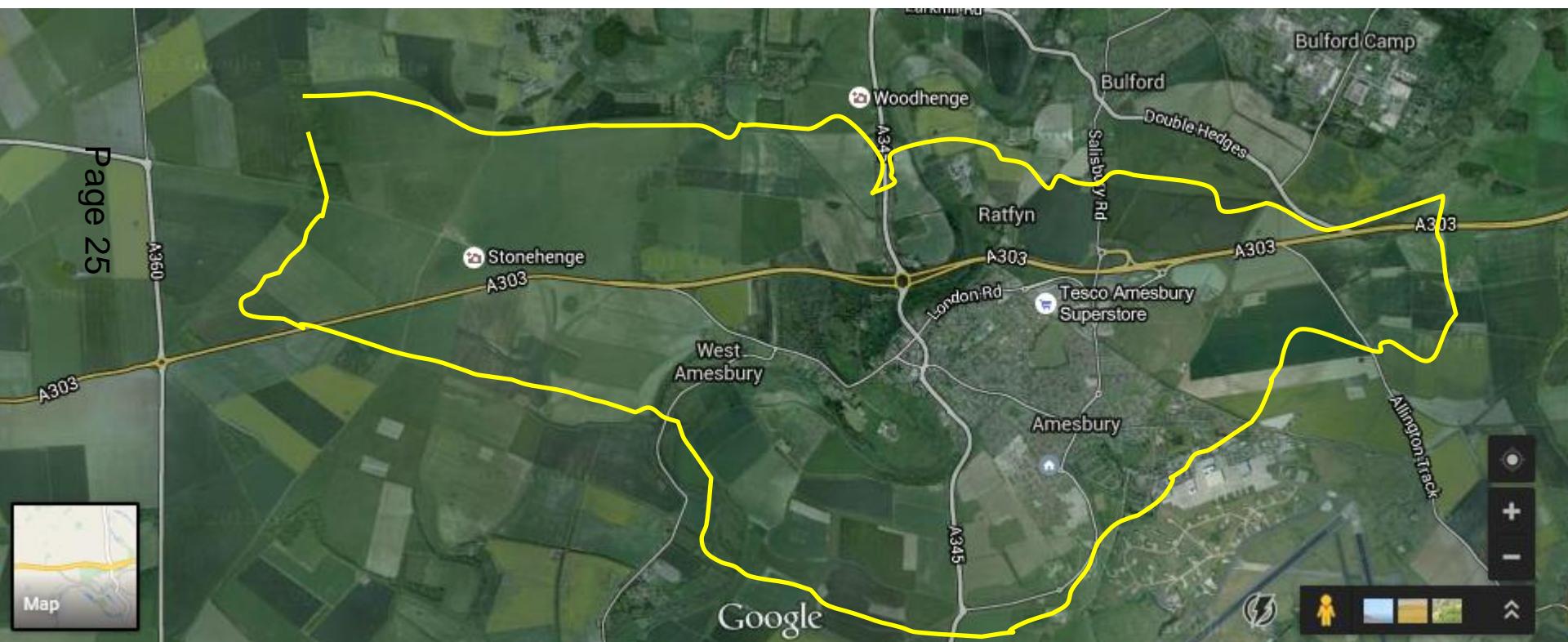
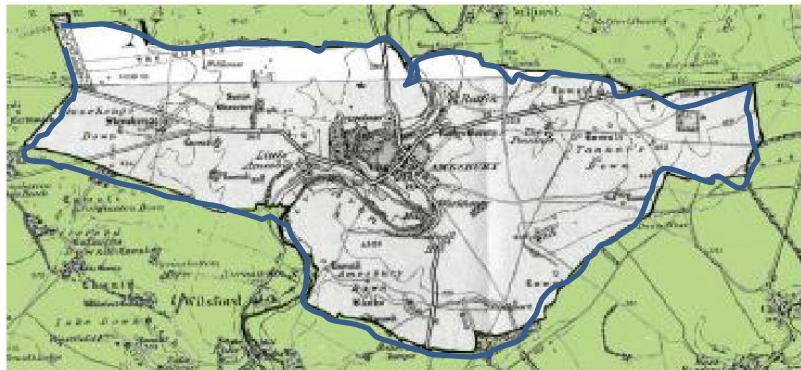
## 4. Our Vision for Amesbury in 2026

We envisage that by 2026 Amesbury will be the natural choice for residents from the town and surrounding parishes for a wide range of quality shopping in safe and convivial surroundings. We will have conserved the best of the past, celebrating our rich natural and archaeological heritage, but we will be also looking to the future with high quality design of houses, good transport and community facilities and a thriving retail and commercial centre to the town.

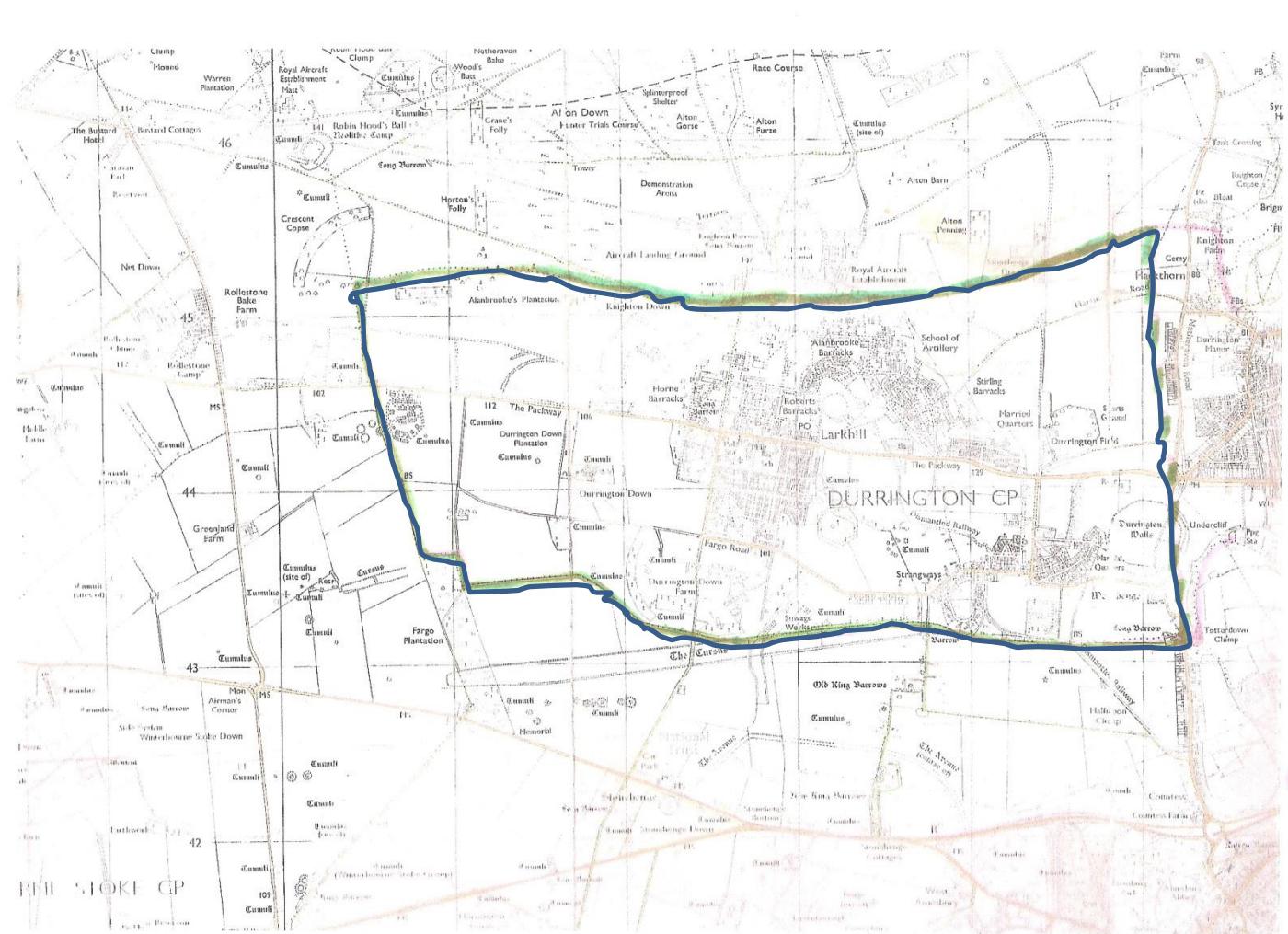
Amesbury will be above all a comfortable place for people to live, where our young people will be able to buy or rent homes and have meaningful education and employment. But we will also be an enjoyable and welcoming place for people to visit, with high quality parking and amenities.

# Satellite view of – Amesbury Parish

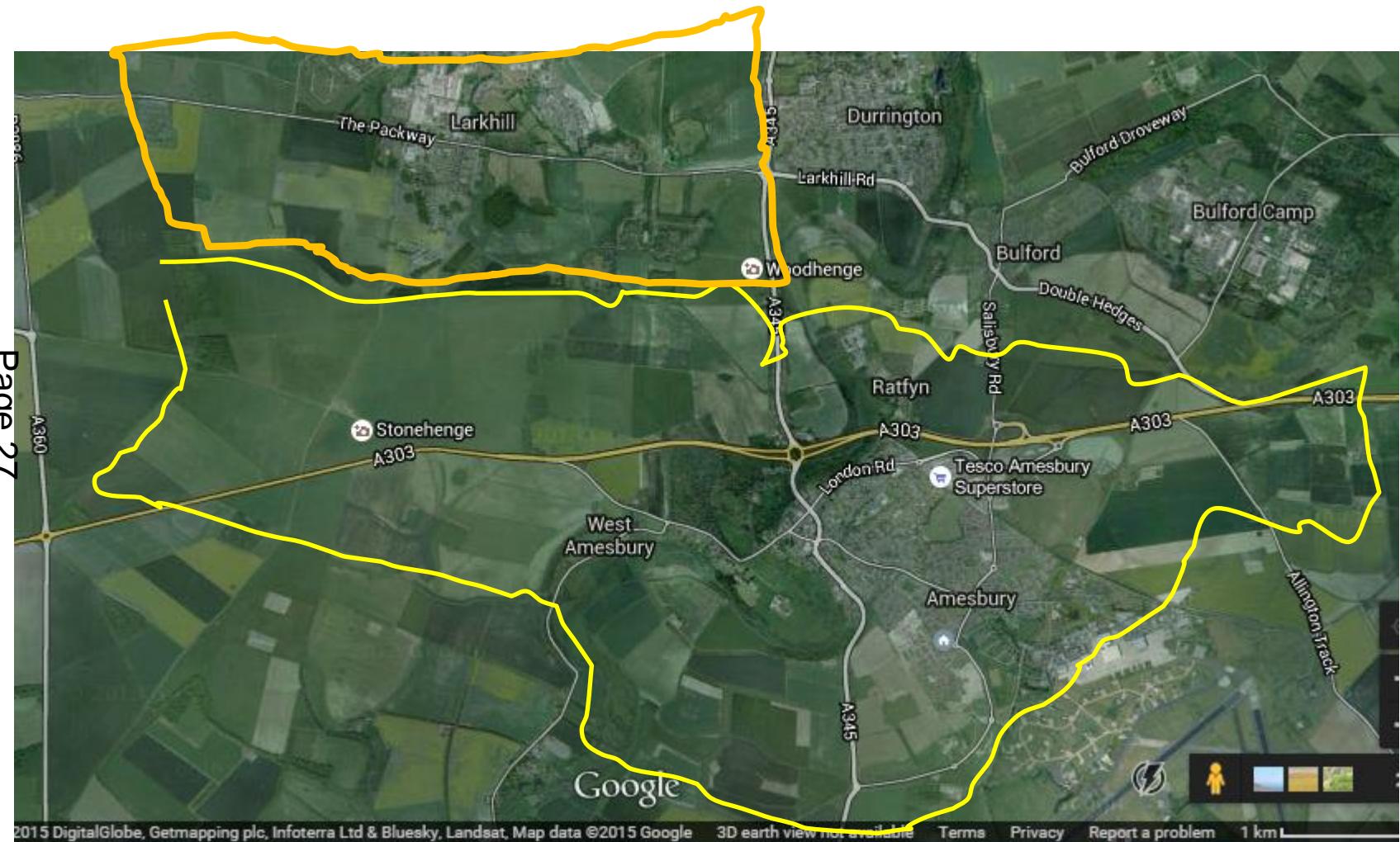
- Scope?



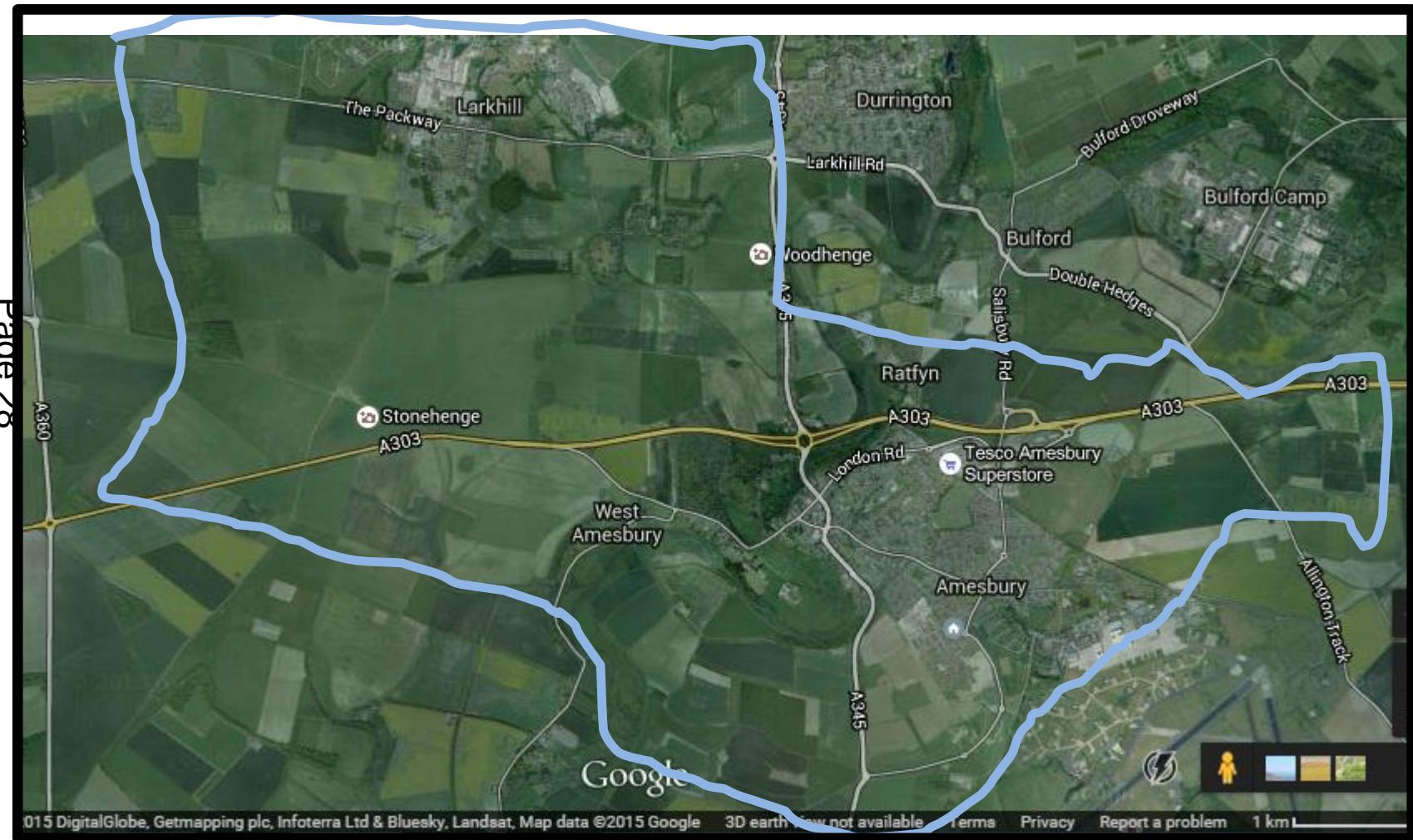
# Durrington Parish – Western area



# Combined Areas for ANP



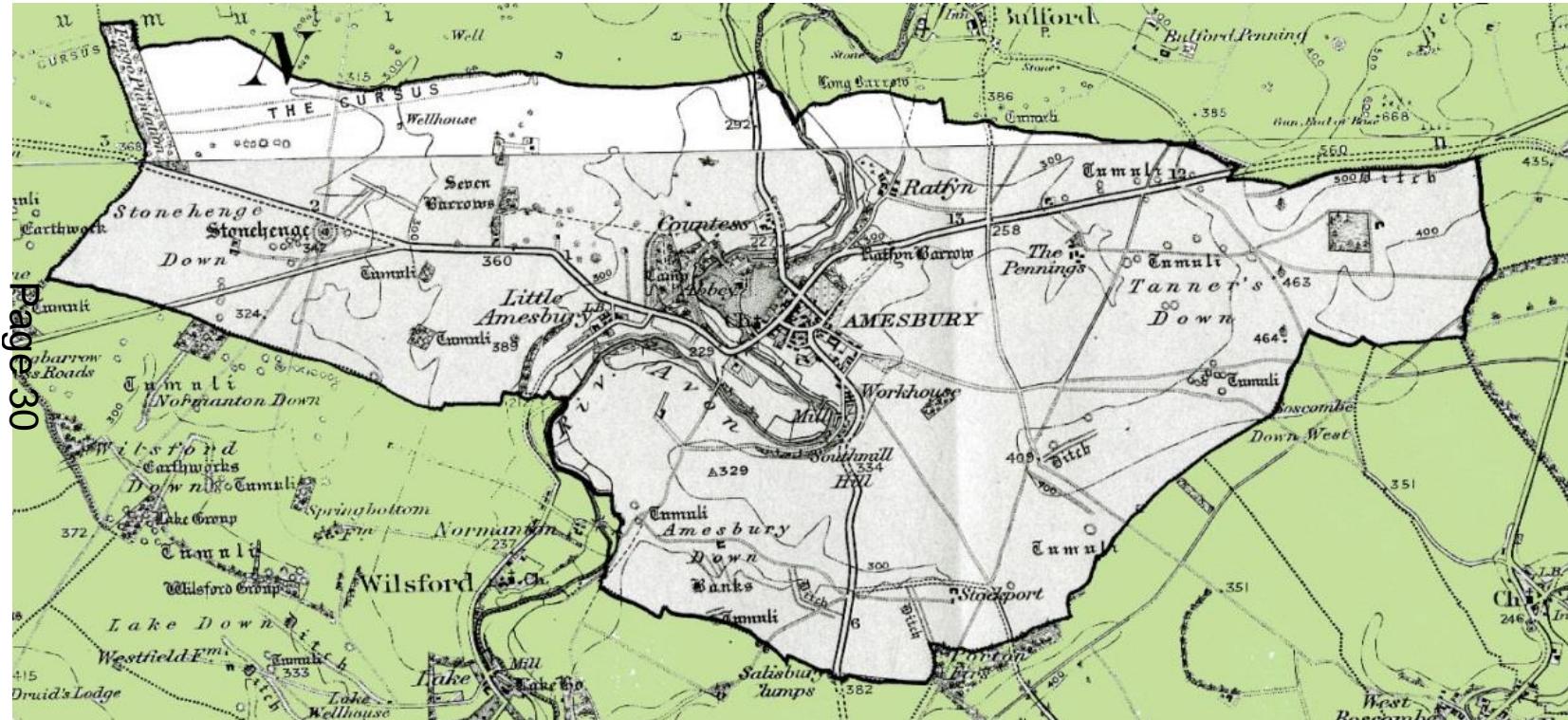
# Combined Areas for ANP 2015



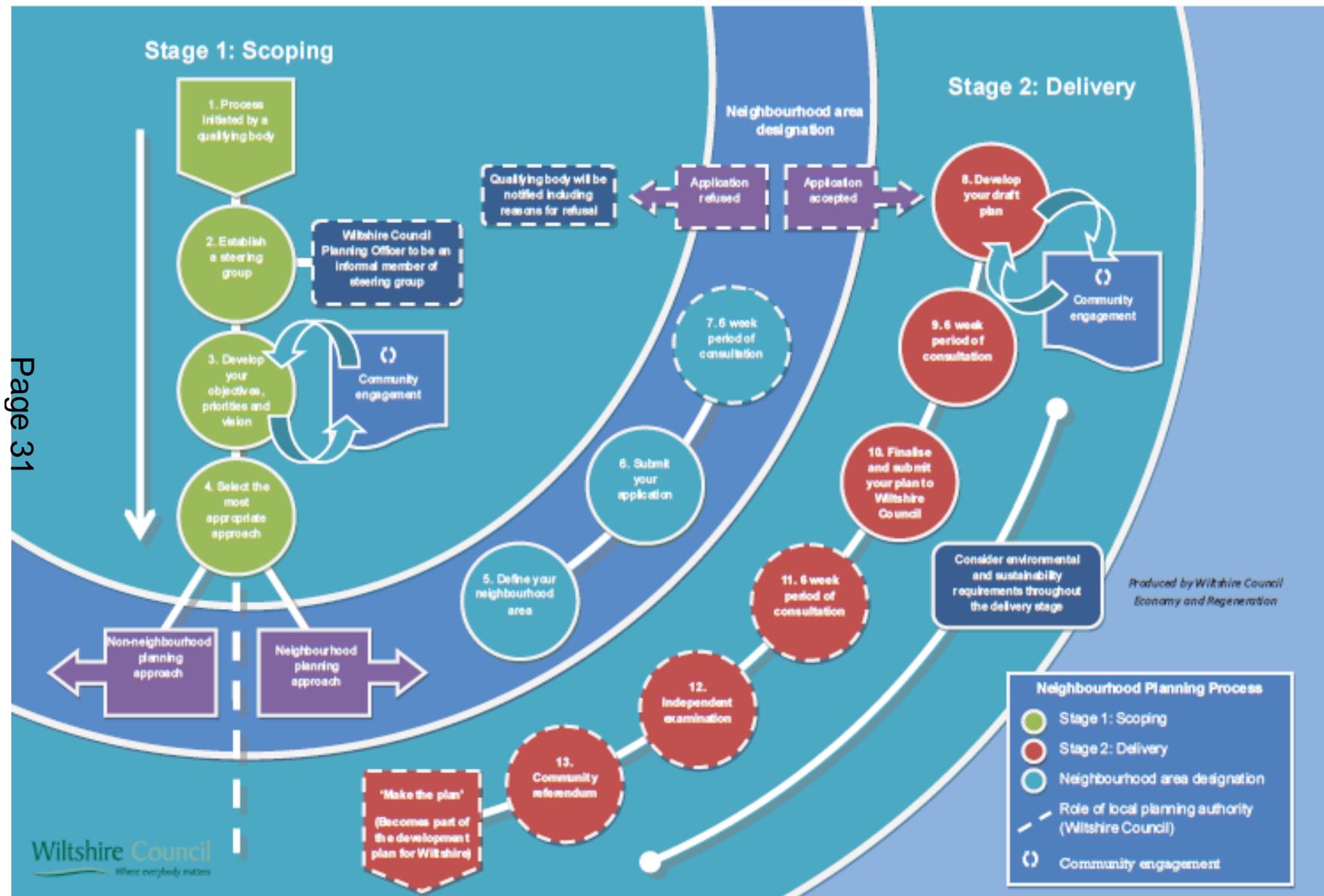
# 2016 - Amesbury and Durrington



# Map – Amesbury 1894



# Process (2014-16)



# 2016 Consultations - Evidence



- Bowman Centre February 2016
  - Knowledge Sharing with other Neighbourhoods
  - Area Designation in draft then paused

# Amesbury Neighbourhood Plan – Themes

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- Community Infrastructure
- Environment
- Local Economy
- Transport
- Housing
- Education
- History and Tourism
  - Amesbury History Centre, FirePower, Aviation
- Army Rebasing
- Local community volunteers pursue those themes of particular interest to them within an overall structure.

# Paper - Stonehenge Trader & The Times

## Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning

*Where houses and offices and other development should be built? Develop a shared vision for the area?*

**Identify and protect important green spaces?**

**Influence what new buildings should look like?**

Thank you to all those who responded to the Town Council following the last article on this topic, we will be contacting you soon. But we still need more input from residents and users of the Town.

As a result of this feedback it was recognised that there is a need to keep the residents of Amesbury informed of all the Neighbourhood plan but the progress made. This will be addressed with the inclusion of a Web page on the Town Council's web site, a Facebook page as well as notices in and around Town. Other media options are being investigated such as radio and newspaper articles.

In last month's article, mention was made of points of interest that have been made to the steering group, in addition they would like to hear from you any ideas or indeed dislikes that you may have that could be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. We will be holding a public meeting in the Town Hall on 1st November at 7pm.

In the New Year questionnaires will be circulated and open meetings arranged to give more information on this important topic. It is the residents of the Town who will write the Neighbourhood Plan and be able to vote in the referendum on the plan, however, we welcome views and ideas from residents of surrounding parishes. All are welcome to join us at any time whether you would like to join a committee, attend a meeting or just to send in your ideas or views.

Members of the steering group will put the plan together, research questions and provide answers as well as doing the boring stuff like studying the Core Strategy, Development briefs, National Planning Policy framework etc.

**We look forward to hearing from you. Contact details are:**  
 Town Clerk, Amesbury Town Council, Shears Drive, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7XT. Or [amesburytbc@btconnect.com](http://amesburytbc@btconnect.com)

### And Now from the Chair

(Councillor Ian Mitchell, Chairman of The Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning Group)

The aim of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee is to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Amesbury. This will establish general planning policies, parts of the planning system: a way to influence development on a coherent basis.

Previous efforts, such as the Amesbury Community Strategic Plan 10 years ago and the Amesbury Vision document, were successful, even without statutory weight. The Neighbourhood Plan will have this weight because of the involvement of local people. It has to be approved by a referendum to merit this weight.

There are constraints on what and how we can do this.

I propose The Neighbourhood Plan is led by Amesbury Town Council, the nominally qualifying body, but its strength depends on the volunteers, their views in 2014 established five themes for the plan:

- Community Infrastructure
- Employment and Transport
- Local Business
- Education and Housing
- Heritage and Archaeology

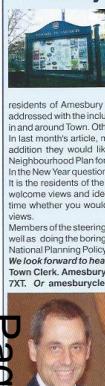
These structure the plan, as chapters and offer a programme to work through in building the plan. The intention is to concentrate on each theme for a little time.

These ideas should be from the people of Amesbury. The Steering group is there to co-ordinate the development of the plan, not dictate its content. We want people in Amesbury to join in the discussion about the plan, influence them, and always say that suits them best. Look at Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/AmesburyNeighbourhoodPlan> as well as the pages of the Stonehenge Trader.

I must thank the Stonehenge Trader for writing to the Town Council. He has many views. With some I agree and that is the basis for discussion so that a meaningful Neighbourhood Plan will emerge. As he wrote,

"Amesbury really needs the support not only of its own citizens but all the villages surrounding it". You need us and We need You!

Councillor Ian Mitchell.



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**Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning**

Residents of Amesbury have an opportunity to influence:  
Where houses and offices and other development should be built.  
Develop a shared vision for the area.  
Identify and protect important green spaces.  
Opportunity to help with designs of new buildings.

**Would you be interested? then NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING is your opportunity.**

**So what is a Neighbourhood Plan?**  
In short it will establish general planning policies for the development and use for land in a defined neighbourhood area. The plan might specify, for example, where new homes and offices should be built, and what they should look like. The plan can also set a vision for the future, and can be detailed or general depending on what local people want.

**Who can take the lead?**  
The Localism Act requires Neighbourhood plans to be prepared by a qualifying body. In the case of Amesbury the qualifying body is the Town Council. However it is the community who are the key to writing the plan. The Town Council as the qualifying body has adopted a steering group approach which will include members of the community, other stakeholders and a link officer from Wiltshire Council.

**How much work is involved?**  
This is dependent on the content and scope of the plan. For example a plan could focus on a single topic such as development sites or multiple aspects of life within the parish. It is anticipated that from start to finish a plan for Amesbury will take up to two years.

**Who will pay for the plan?**  
Well the qualifying body will not be asking you to put your hand in your pocket! The cost of the plan will be met from The Town Council and Wiltshire Council.

**Interested?**  
If you would like to join in with how the future of Amesbury is formed or perhaps just to express an interest please send your name and address, maybe including concerns you have, to either:  
Town Clerk,  
Amesbury Town Council, Bowman Centre, Shears Drive,  
Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7XT.  
Or email: amesburyclerk@btconnect.com

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## STONEHENGE, O.R. AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING – A NEW INITIATIVE BY PUBLIC POLICY DESIGN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

**IAN MITCHELL**

It was unusual to see Stonehenge in Birmingham.

The Sutton Hoo site were as curious as a pub having a free beer to be under the watchful eye of the Planning Policy and Law Team as it jostles with New Towns, participants from the first Public Policy Design Special Interest Group meeting in Birmingham. It discusses how to work with local government on a policy design that respects the past.

The coverage seemed just as we considered applying the policy to the local development plan in Amesbury, the home of Stonehenge. The Amesbury area is a mix of ancient and modern sites that would help drive cohären development for Amesbury. These are the themes of the meeting.

1. Community Infrastructure  
2. Employment and Transport  
3. Local Economy and Traffic  
4. Education and Housing  
5. Heritage and Archaeology

Despite high potential for O.R. to support Amesbury Town Council held the analytical devices support delayed by ODT or other factors.

Dennis Filippow was able to visit the Amesbury History Centre during a tour of Amesbury. As a result the fifth theme, Heritage and Archaeology, was born. The Amesbury History Centre has been at the same site in the town again because of concern over the preservation of the original building. This will always come up in the most challenging situations.

The Plan appears at [www.bham.gov.uk/consultations/plansandplancomplements](http://www.bham.gov.uk/consultations/plansandplancomplements), the page 4 the A303 through the World Heritage site [www.bham.gov.uk/consultations/ah303heritagesite](http://www.bham.gov.uk/consultations/ah303heritagesite)

If you would like to participate please get in touch.

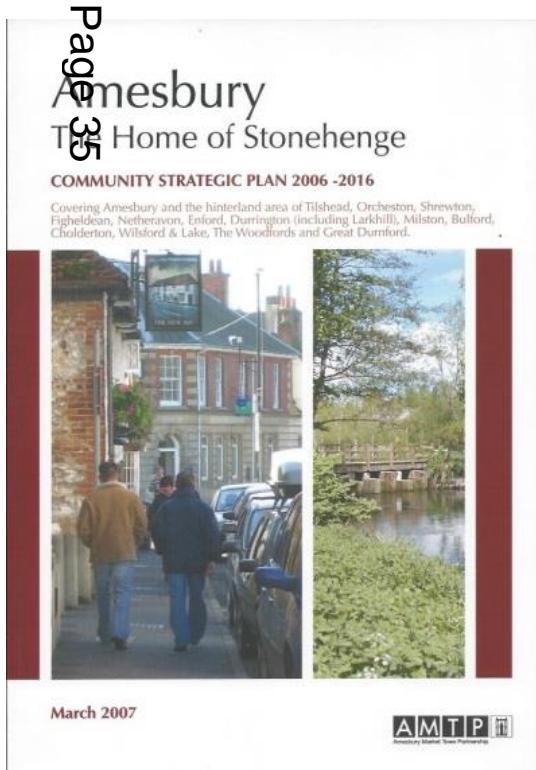
# Electronic Connections

## Pages on Facebook

<https://m.facebook.com/AmesburyNeighbourhoodPlan>

## 2007 Amesbury Community Strategic Plan on OR Society document repository

<https://www.theorsociety.com/DocumentRepository/Browse.aspx?s=Amesbury>



# Neighbourhood Planning - Now

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- To discuss
  - Whether to proceed to planning
  - Area to cover
  - Lines of development
  - Stakeholders
- Next steps
  - What
  - Why
  - How
  - When
  - Where
  - Who