



Wiltshire Council LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 requires the council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The Wiltshire LDS identifies the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) prioritised for production by Wiltshire Council and the timetable for their preparation that will, when complete, together with other adopted documents, comprise the Local Plan for Wiltshire. It also sets out neighbourhood plans that form part of the development plan for Wiltshire as well as those at an advanced stage of preparation.
- 1.2 The LDS is required to be kept up to date and was last reviewed in November 2021. That version reflected the knock-on effect of the redeployment of resources as part of the Council's response to the pandemic, as well as the outcome of the consultation response on the Wiltshire Local Plan Review. This was reported to Cabinet on 29 June 2021 when it was resolved that further work be undertaken to review key parts of the evidence base including testing the level of housing need and distribution of growth. This also affected the timeline for the separate DPD for Gypsies and Travellers being prepared in advance of the Local Plan Review. The November LDS also reaffirmed the council's commitment to review minerals and waste policies, setting out details of the review process.
- 1.3 Since November 2021, while good progress has been made on both the Local Plan Review and Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document further work is needed leading up to consultation on the draft Plans to ensure they are based on sound and robust evidence bases. The revised timelines together with an updated plan horizon date in response to the July 2021 consultation and the further work being undertaken on housing and employment evidence is reflected in this LDS.
- 1.4 The LDS does not include a timetable for the preparation of individual neighbourhood plans as the timing and delivery of these are the responsibility of the 'qualifying bodies' which, in Wiltshire, is generally the parish councils. However, the LDS does provide a summary of those plans that have been made and which now form part of the development plan and identifies those that have progressed significantly to at least submission stage at the time of writing (October 2022).

2. The Wiltshire Development Plan

Existing Development Plan

- 2.1 Section 38 (6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act and Section 70 (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The development plan comprises DPDs prepared by Wiltshire Council as local planning authority and made (adopted) Neighbourhood Plans prepared by parish and town councils within Wiltshire. Policies within the documents

listed in Table 1 and 2 below currently form the development plan for Wiltshire (and Swindon¹).

- 2.2 The Wiltshire Core Strategy replaced many of the ‘saved’ policies within the former North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011, the Kennet Local Plan 2011, the West Wiltshire District Plan First Alteration 2011 and the Salisbury Local Plan 2011, as well as some policies within the West Wiltshire Leisure and Recreation DPD. The remaining extant policies from these documents are listed at Appendix D of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and these will be replaced as part of the Local Plan Review.

Table 1: Wiltshire Development Plan - Development Plan Documents, November 2021

Document	Area Covered	Status
Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan (adopted February 2020)	Wiltshire Council area (excluding Principal Settlement of Chippenham)	Current policy. Sets out additional site allocations for housing across Wiltshire to improve supply in the plan period to 2026. In addition, the document addresses settlement boundaries.
Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (adopted May 2017)	Chippenham (principal settlement)	Current policy. Sets out the sites and details of development to accommodate strategic growth options for Chippenham in accordance with Core Policy 10 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2015)	Wiltshire Council	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of Wiltshire and strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision setting out principles of development for the county to 2026,
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations Local Plan (adopted February 2013)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Presents a framework of sites to accommodate future waste management uses and facilities for the period up to 2026

¹ Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council have prepared minerals and waste local plans on a joint basis

Document	Area Covered	Status
Wiltshire and Swindon Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Identifies seven sites for future sand and gravel working for the period up to 2026
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies DPD (adopted September	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out generic policies to assist in determining planning applications for waste development.
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Development Control Policies DPD (adopted September	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out generic policies to assist in determining planning applications for minerals development.
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (adopted June 2009)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy covering waste provision up to 2026 including the strategic policies and
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)	Wiltshire Council area and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy covering minerals provision up to 2026 including the strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision.
West Wiltshire Leisure and Recreation DPD (adopted February 2009)	Former West Wiltshire district area	Provides additional recreational policies for the West Wiltshire area for the period up until 2016. Certain policies have been replaced by
North Wiltshire Local Plan (adopted April 2006)	Former North Wiltshire district area	Certain policies continue to be 'saved' until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
Kennet Local Plan 2011 (adopted June 2004)	Former Kennet district area	Certain policies continue to be 'saved' until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
West Wiltshire District Plan First Alteration 2011 (adopted June 2004)	Former West Wiltshire district area	Certain policies continue to be saved until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.

Document	Area Covered	Status
Salisbury Local Plan 2011 (adopted June 2003)	Former Salisbury district area	Certain policies continue to be saved until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan (adopted November 2001)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	One saved policy (Policy 35: Preferred Areas for Sharp Sand and Gravel) remains extant.

Table 2: Wiltshire Development Plan - Made Neighbourhood Plans, October 2022

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan Made October 2022	Laverstock Parish	Covers the period 2021 to 2036
West Dean and West Tytherley Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2022	West Dean and West Tytherley Parishes	Covers the period 2022 to 2035
Colerne Neighbourhood Plan Made March 2022	Colerne Parish	Covers the period 2021 to 2036
Lyneham and Bradenstoke Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2021	Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish	Covers the period 2020 to 2030
The Southwick Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2021	Southwick Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2036

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Broad Chalke Neighbourhood Plan Made July 2021	Broad Chalke Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2026
Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan Made July 2021	Melksham Without Parish and Melksham Town Council	Covers the period 2020 to 2026
West Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan Made June 2021	West Ashton Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Crudwell Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2026
Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2021	Hindon Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2036
Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Lydiard Millicent Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2036
Market Lavington Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2021	Market Lavington Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
North Bradley Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	North Bradley Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
Seagry Parish Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Seagry Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2036

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Seend Parish	Covers the period 2020 to 2030
The Winterbournes Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Winterbourne Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2036
Tockenham Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Tockenham Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2026
Corsham Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2019	Corsham Town	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Made November 2019	Parishes of Tisbury and West Tisbury	Covers the period 2019 to 2036
Hullavington Neighbourhood Development Plan Made September 2019	Hullavington Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Chirton and Conock Neighbourhood Plan Made August 2019	Chirton and Conock Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan Made June 2019	West Lavington Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2019	Sherston Parish	Covers the period 2006 to 2026
Oaksey Neighbourhood Plan Made April 2019	Oaksey Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Hilperton Neighbourhood Development Plan Made November 2018	Hilperton Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Purton Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2018	Purton Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Burbage Neighbourhood Development Plan Made July 2018	Burbage Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Development Plan Made April 2018	Royal Wootton Bassett Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Christian Malford Neighbourhood Development Plan Made March 2018	Christian Malford Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2035
Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan Made March 2018	Cricklade Parish	Covers the period up to 2026
Bremhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Made February 2018	Bremhill Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2030
Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Made February 2018	Town of Calne and Parish of Calne Without	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Wootton Rivers Neighbourhood Development Plan Made January 2018	Wootton Rivers Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Document	Area covered	Plan period

Great Somerford (incorporating Startley) Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2017	Great Somerford Parish including Startley	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Bradford-on-Avon Neighbourhood Plan Made October 2017	Bradford-on-Avon Parish	Covers the period 2013 to 2026
Langley Burrell Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2017	Langley Burrell Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2017	Ashton Keynes Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Idmiston Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Made April 2017	Idmiston Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Urchfont, Wedhampton and Lydeway Neighbourhood Plan Made April 2017	Urchfont Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Downton Neighbourhood Plan Made January 2017	Downton Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Holt Neighbourhood Plan Made January 2017	Holt Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Potterne Neighbourhood Plan Made January 2017	Potterne Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Warminster Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2016	Warminster Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026.

Document	Area covered	Plan period
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Compton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2016	Compton Bassett Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2030
Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan Made December 2015	Devizes Town and Bishops Cannings Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2015	Freshford and Limpley Stoke Parishes	Covers the period 2014 to 2039
Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2015	Pewsey Parish	Covers the period 2006 to 2026
Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan Made February 2015	Malmesbury Town, St Paul Malmesbury Without and Brokenborough Parishes	Covers the period 2014 to 2026

Development plan documents in preparation

- 2.3 The development plan documents (DPDs) that are under preparation are summarised in Table 3, with more detailed information in Appendix A and a summary of the overall programme in Section 3. The anticipated adoption dates are provided below.

Table 3: Development Plan Documents in preparation

Document	Area Covered	Anticipated adoption date	Comments
Wiltshire Local Plan Review DPD	Wiltshire Council area	End Quarter 4 2024	<p>A review and roll forward of the housing and employment requirements in the Wiltshire Core Strategy to relate to the plan period 2020 to 2038 and to maintain consistency with national planning policy.</p> <p>It will refine certain policies to assist in the determination of planning applications, a key area being a review of all remaining saved policies from previous district local plans, policies for town centres and recreation.</p>
Gypsies and Travellers DPD	Wiltshire Council area	Quarter 4 2024	<p>This document will be informed by a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation assessment, which identifies needs to 2038 and will provide sites to meet identified needs. It will focus on a review of Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy 47 'Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers'</p>

- 2.3 The **Wiltshire Local Plan Review DPD** will provide the strategic context for development up to 2038 and determine the level and direction for future growth. It will include the allocation of range of sites to meet the identified need for homes and jobs, a review of existing development management policies, and strategic guidance for the preparation of neighbourhood plans. The scope of the plan is explained further in the Wiltshire Local Plan Review document profile at **Appendix A**. The scope of the review excludes the needs of Gypsies and Travellers, which is being addressed through a separate DPD. The timetable for the Local Plan reflects the additional stage of consultation undertaken early 2021 that built on the targeted consultation undertaken during 2019. This sought views on an emerging spatial strategy (the scale and distribution of growth across the County), as well as planning for the rural areas and how climate change matters should be addressed in the plan. See [Local Plan Review - Wiltshire Council](#) for further information.

- 2.4 In the light of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment and the Council's monitoring of provision, a separate **Gypsies and Travellers DPD** is being prepared rather than incorporating Gypsies and Travellers needs into the wider Local Plan Review. Whilst it was intended that this Plan would be progressed ahead of the wider Local Plan, there have been limited sites put forward through the call for site process which is delaying progress. However, as a single issue plan it is anticipated that the examination process will conclude ahead of the Wiltshire Local Plan Review and will be adopted first. The DPD will focus on Core Policy 47 of the Core Strategy. For clarification, accommodation needs of persons residing in houseboats is intended to be considered through the preparation of the Local Plan². Consultation was undertaken on the Gypsies and Travellers Plan alongside consultation on the Wiltshire Local Plan Review early 2021. See [Gypsy and Travellers - planning - Wiltshire Council](#) for further information.
- 2.5 There is also the need for ongoing joint working with Swindon Borough Council, to ensure consistency of approach.

Joint Working with Swindon Borough Council

- 2.6 In accordance with Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) neighbouring local authorities must engage with each other constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in any process by means of which development plan documents are prepared. This is termed the 'duty to cooperate'.
- 2.7 As set out in previous LDSs, the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires local authorities to "*maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these*" (paragraph 27). The accompanying Planning Practice Guidance outlines what a Statement of Common Ground should contain and explains that it should be "*maintained on an on-going basis throughout the plan making process*".
- 2.8 A statement of common ground can identify matters that are agreed, yet to be agreed, or further information that is required before matters can be agreed. It will identify those areas where cooperation is required to deliver the strategic policies of both authorities.
- 2.9 A Statement of Common Ground (March 2020) has been prepared between Wiltshire and Swindon Borough Councils to confirm the extent of joint working between the two authorities, and includes agreement that:
- (i) Based on current evidence, the proposed housing and employment needs for Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council can be accommodated within each authority's boundaries; and

² As per 1985 House Act (as amended)

- (ii) Further information is needed to understand transport implications of the emerging development strategies of both plans to identify infrastructure provision to support growth.

2.10 The Statement of Common Ground is subject to ongoing review and will be updated as necessary to reflect changing circumstances.

Joint working with Neighbouring Authorities and Communities

2.11 As well as Swindon Borough Council, there are also ongoing discussions with other neighbouring authorities to understand the implications of planning for growth in our respective areas. These cross-boundary discussions will be reflected in Statements of Common Ground as appropriate to identify how the duty to cooperate has been carried out.

Minerals and Waste Planning

2.12 As outlined in Table 1, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council have successfully cooperated in the preparation and adoption of Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents (DPDs). This LDS reaffirms Wiltshire Council's commitment to review the policies within these plans to identify whether existing policies need to be amended or replaced, particularly in terms of their continued conformity with national policy.

2.13 The review process will consider:

- conformity of policies with the National Planning Policy Framework, including National Planning Policy for Waste;
- the effectiveness of policies against indicators in the DPDs;
- updated information about delivery of land allocations, quantities of waste and capacity to manage waste within Swindon and Wiltshire; and
- the Local Aggregate Assessment of demand for and supply of aggregates in the area.

Following completion of the review process, in co-operation with Swindon Borough Council, consideration will be given to the introduction of new plans into the LDS by the council's Cabinet. Updating the plans could be either in full or in part.

Emerging Neighbourhood Plans

2.14 Neighbourhood planning is popular across Wiltshire. At the time of writing (October 2022), 90 Neighbourhood Areas have been formally designated for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan; and 48 plans within Wiltshire had been 'made' (adopted). These are listed in Table 2 above together with a Community Right to Build Order in Cherhill.

2.15 Neighbourhood plans that have had decision statements issued and are awaiting a

referendum can be given significant weight in decision-making, so far as the plan is material to the application^{3 4}.

2.16 The following neighbourhood development plans are at an advanced stage of preparation having been submitted to Wiltshire Council for consultation and examination⁵ (they have reached the Regulation 16 stage of plan preparation or beyond)⁶. Following successful examination and referendum, neighbourhood plans can be 'made' at which point they will also form part of the development plan for Wiltshire:

- Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan 2021-36 (referendum suspended)
- Preshute Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2036 (at examination)
- Aldbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021-2036 (at examination)
- Stanton St Quintin Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021-2036 (at examination)

3. Overall programme for development plan document preparation

3.1 The overall programme for the preparation of DPDs, including significant milestones, is summarised in the following chart. **Appendix A** includes profiles for each document.

3.2 Each DPD document follows a similar process:

- (i) Public consultation on the scope of plan
- (ii) Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation)
- (iii) Publication of the plan for pre-submission consultation (i.e. before submission to the Secretary of State) and preparation for submission
- (iv) Submission to the Secretary of State
- (v) Examination (including hearings and receipt of Inspectors report)
- (vi) Adoption

3.3 An important milestone for each document is the point at which the document is submitted to the Secretary of State. Critical to maintaining progress in relation to each document is the role of Cabinet and Full Council. Cabinet provides Member approval to

³ The National Planning Practice Guidance states that 'Where the local planning authority has issued a decision statement (as set out under Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) detailing its intention to send a neighbourhood plan to referendum, that plan can be given significant weight in decision-making, so far as the plan is material to the application.' (Planning Practice Guidance, Neighbourhood Planning, Paragraph 107, 13th May 2020 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#covid-19>)

⁴ Position at October 2022

⁶ Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to as soon as possible after receiving a plan proposal to publicise the plan on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the proposal to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area and include details on how to make representations on the plan over a period not less than 6 weeks.

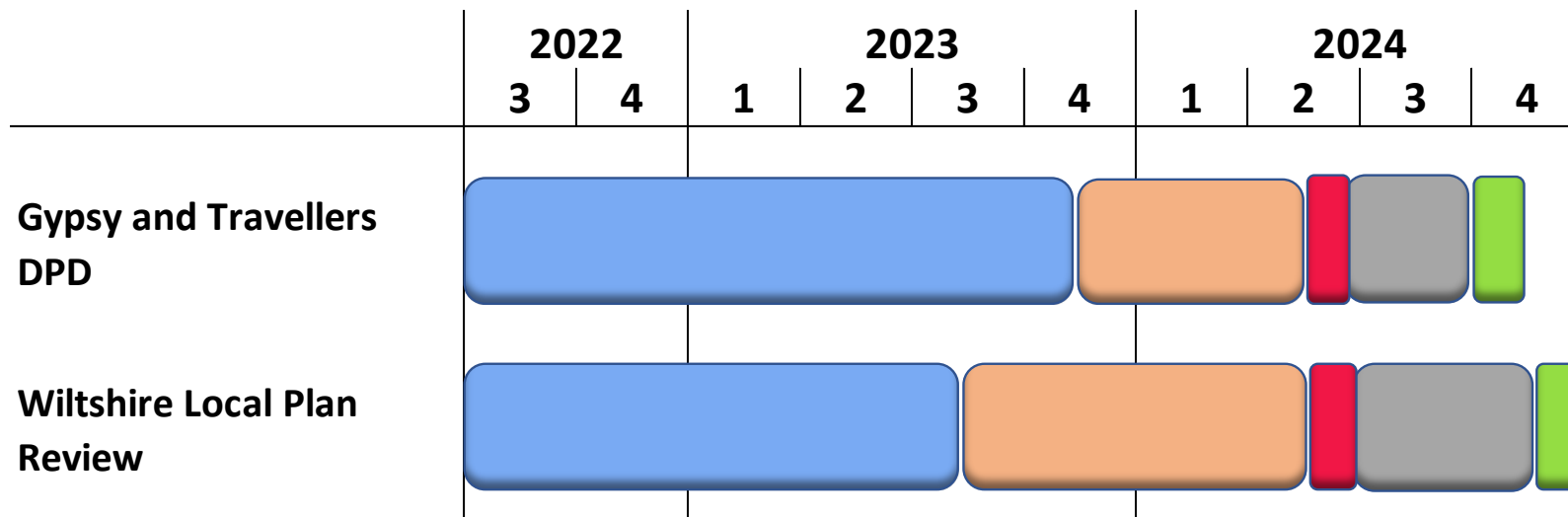
progress key stages of plan preparation and authorise consultation procedures. Full Council is required to approve a DPD for submission to the Secretary of State and finally adopt the plan as required by the Council's constitution and legislative requirements.

- 3.4 Following submission, which is the start of the examination process, the timeline at that point is generally in the hands of the Inspector appointed to examine the plan. The examination stage closes with the submission of a report at which time the council will be able to consider their recommendations and adoption of the plan.

Governance and Risk assessment

- 3.5 Risk assessment will be undertaken during the LDS period by senior managers and will consider mitigation and contingency measures that may need to be implemented to ensure that sound DPDs are prepared and developed in a timely manner. The council has put in place governance arrangements for the Local Plan to ensure its delivery. This provides overall leadership and direction for decision making in relation to plan and policy formulation; and to ensure that the project is delivered against the project scope, timescales, budgets and other identified constraints.

Table 4: Summary programme for development plan document production



- Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and refinement following consultation stages) ■
- Publication of the plan for pre-submission consultation (Reg 19) and preparation for submission ■
- Submission to the Secretary of State following Cabinet and Council approval (Reg 22) ■
- Examination process (including hearings and receipt of Inspector's report) ■
- Adoption by Council ■



4. Supporting information

Implementing the Wiltshire Core Strategy

4.1 The Wiltshire Core Strategy was adopted in January 2015 it will remain adopted policy for Wiltshire until adoption of the Wiltshire Local Plan Review⁶. To support the continuing implementation of the Core Strategy there are other projects that have been completed. These are:

- (i) Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) 3 - sets out detailed guidance on what infrastructure will need to be provided to support planned development. **Completed December 2016**. This will be reviewed as part of the Local Plan with published updates as part of the ongoing consultation, as appropriate. Viability assessment will be an important part of plan making to understand the deliverability of infrastructure alongside development.
- (ii) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule⁷ - sets out the type and scale of contributions that will be required to help provide the infrastructure to support development, based on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Wiltshire Core Strategy. **Approved May 2015**⁸. The charging and collection of CIL are regularly monitored. This will be reviewed alongside the preparation of the Local Plan.
- (iii) The Wiltshire Infrastructure Funding Statement - includes an Infrastructure List (replaces the Regulation 123 List) and sets out the infrastructure that the Council may fund, in whole or in part, by the CIL. Wiltshire's second Statement was published on the Council's website in **December 2021**.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 has replaced the Regulation 123 Lists with annual Infrastructure Funding Statements, which set out how much money has been raised through developer contributions (both through CIL and section 106 obligations) and how it has been spent.

⁶ Core Policy 47 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy is being updated through the Gypsies and Travellers Plan and will be superseded on adoption of that plan.

⁷ The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which local authorities in England and Wales are empowered, but not required, to charge on most types of new development in their area. CIL charges are based on simple formulae which relate the size of the charge to the size and character of the development paying it. The proceeds of the levy will be spent on infrastructure to support the development of the area.

⁸ Planning Practice Guidance states that "...charging authorities should also consider linking a review of their charging schedule to any substantive review of the evidence base for the relevant Plan." The review of the CIL Charging Schedule for Wiltshire will be informed by the evidence gathered to support the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan.

- (iv) Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - provides detailed guidance on the application of Core Policy 3 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The SPD sets out how the council will use section 106 planning obligations alongside other mechanisms for securing developer contributions towards infrastructure. **Adopted October 2016**. This SPD will be reviewed through the Local Plan Review to ensure conformity with emerging new policies and the Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019, which removed restrictions on the use of section 106 planning obligations.

Supporting the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD

- 4.2 The Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (**Adopted February 2020**) has been prepared to support the implementation of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan and the Wiltshire Core Strategy. It was adopted alongside the Site Allocations DPD and builds upon the advice set out in the 'Bat Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Planning Guidance for Wiltshire'.
- 4.3 The Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy SPD is a strategy for considering the impacts of development in the Trowbridge area on the Bath and Bradford on Avon Bats SAC; and sets out an approach for mitigation to avoid significant adverse impacts on bats and qualifying features of the wider SAC. It does this by applying a precautionary approach to assessing development proposals at and around the town.
- 4.4 In addition to supporting the delivery of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan the SPD provides a basis for assessing housing proposals brought forward in accordance with the Wiltshire Core Strategy, including those in neighbourhood plans as well as windfall development at the town and in surrounding parishes.
- 4.5 In line with existing planning policy, the SPD covers the period to 2026. It is intended that it will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the new Wiltshire Local Plan to ensure that future plan-led growth at and around the town do not lead to significant adverse effects on the integrity of the SAC.

APPENDIX A: Document Profiles

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROFILES	
Wiltshire Local Plan Review (2020-2038)	
Role and subject	<p>The purpose of the review of the adopted Local Plan will be to assess the future levels of need for new homes (including market, affordable and specialist housing)⁹ and employment land over the period 2020 to 2038 and to provide an appropriate basis for housing, employment land and infrastructure provision over that period.</p> <p>It will involve considering if the existing adopted development strategy remains relevant, identifying new site allocations relating to housing and employment together with supporting services and infrastructure.</p> <p>It will not be the purpose of the review to change or remove strategic objectives or policies that remain in accordance with national policy and support the delivery of sustainable development.</p> <p>The review will also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> targeted updating of existing Wiltshire Core Strategy development management policies to ensure their continued consistency with national policy; the introduction of further detailed development management policies as part of a review of the saved development management policies not replaced by the Wiltshire Core Strategy; and developing additional locally distinctive policies to plan positively for all town centres in Wiltshire consistent with national policy.
Geographical coverage	Wiltshire (excluding Swindon)
Document type/status	Development plan document
Chain of conformity	National policy
Timetable	
Stage	Dates
Initial consultation on the scope of plan	Commenced November 2017
Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation, with public consultation completed Qtr 1 2021)	Over the period Qtr 1 2018 to Qtr 2 2023
Publication of plan for pre-submission consultation and preparation for submission following consultation	Qtr 3 2023 - Qtr 2 2024
Submission to Secretary of State	Qtr 2 2024
Examination (including hearing and receipt of Inspector's report)	Commencing Qtr 2 2024
Adoption	End Qtr 4 2024

⁹ A separate Development Plan Document will address Core Policy 47 'Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers'

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROFILES	
Gypsies and Travellers DPD	
Role and subject	This DPD will identify the future level of need for accommodation for Gypsy and Travellers, including travelling showpeople to 2038. It will identify sites to meet permanent and temporary accommodation needs and focus on Core Policy 47 'Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers' of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
Geographical coverage	Wiltshire (excluding Swindon)
Document type/status	Development plan document
Chain of conformity	National policy
Timetable	
Stage	Dates
Initial consultation on the scope of plan (took place alongside Local Plan Review consultation)	Qtr 1 2021
Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation, with public consultation completed Qtr 1 2021)	Qtr 2 2021 - Qtr 3 2023
Publication of plan for pre-submission consultation and preparation of plan for submission	Commencing Qtr 4 2023 - Qtr 2 2024
Submission to Secretary of State	Qtr 2 2024
Examination (including hearing and receipt of Inspector's report)	Commencing Qtr 2 2024
Adoption	Qtr 4 2024

GLOSSARY

A guide to the terminology used in this document

Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) - A report monitoring and reviewing how well the council has performed against the timetable set out in the LDS and any changes needed to maintain an up to date LDS. The role of the AMR is also to monitor the effectiveness of development plan document policies.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - A charge levied by the council on new development to fund the provision of infrastructure and wider community benefits. In order to charge the levy, the council must have an adopted CIL Charging Schedule.

Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule - A document that sets out the council's schedule of charges on various forms of development. The Charging Schedule must be based upon a robust evidence base (linked to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and robust viability assessments) and subjected to meaningful consultation. The Schedule is examined by an independently appointed assessor (generally the Planning Inspectorate); and if found sound, the council can then charge CIL.

Development Plan Document (DPD) - A document or documents setting out the council's planning policies and proposals. They are subject to community involvement, consultation and independent examination. A sustainability appraisal is required for each development plan document. The adopted development plan will include any Neighbourhood plan which have been formally made under the relevant legislation.

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) - An assessment of the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers.

Local Development Plan Document - The documents that set out planning policies for specific topics or areas, which make up the Local Development Plan.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) - A timetable for the preparation of local development documents.

Local Plan - Development plan document(s) setting out the spatial vision and strategic objectives for an area. All development plan documents collectively comprise the Local Plan.

National Planning Policy Framework - The National Planning Policy Framework was first published on 27 March 2012 and revised in July 2018, February 2019 and July 2021. The framework gives guidance to local councils in drawing up local plans and on making decisions on planning applications to deliver sustainable development.

Neighbourhood Planning - The Localism Act, which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011, introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans. Once adopted these plans become part of the Development Plan

Saved Plan - Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, adopted Local Plans have the status of "saved plans" until they are replaced by local development documents.

Saved Policies - The Government has set out procedures for saving adopted local plan policies beyond the period allowed in the Planning Act for saved Local Plans, until they have been replaced by

policies in local development documents.

Spatial Planning - Includes economic, social and environmental issues as well as the physical aspects of location and land use.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) - This is required under national legislation for emerging policy and include consideration of social and economic impacts as well as impacts on the environment. Wiltshire is producing a combined SA and Strategic Environmental Assessment (see below).

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) - This is a document which sets out how the council will consult and involve the public at every stage in the production of the Local Development Framework. It also applies to major development control applications. The SCI is not a development plan document.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) - An appraisal of the impacts of policies and proposals on economic, social and environmental issues, required by European legislation. A combined SEA and Sustainability Appraisal is being undertaken for Wiltshire.

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - A Local Development Document which provides additional advice and information relating to specific policy or proposals in a Development Plan Document.