

## **Chairman's Announcement**

### **Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-submission document**

The Wiltshire Core Strategy pre-submission document is to be published for consultation on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The six week statutory consultation period will continue until 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. The Wiltshire Core Strategy details a spatial strategy for Wiltshire and related policies to deliver that strategy. The core strategy incorporates a strategy for each community area which identifies specific development sites where appropriate and highlights specific considerations in each area. For Malmesbury the plan proposes 1200 new homes in the community area over the period 2006 to 2026. Since 2006, 620 homes have been built and a further 175 homes currently have planning permission. This leaves a residual need for 405 homes in the remainder of the plan period. The plan proposes that 270 of these should come forward in Malmesbury town with 135 to be delivered in the rest of the community area. No specific strategic housing site is identified in Malmesbury. Two former North Wiltshire District Plan allocations for employment development are carried forward (north of Tetbury Hill and at the Garden Centre).

At this stage the Council are inviting comments on the 'soundness' of the plan and whether the correct legal processes have been followed. To be sound the core strategy policies must be based on clear, robust, up-to-date information. Copies of the core strategy can be viewed in all local libraries and there will be a display about the document in Malmesbury library. All the consultation documents are available on the Council's web site and at the Council offices at Bradley Road and County Hall, Trowbridge; Browfort, Devizes; Monkton Park, Chippenham and Milford Street, Salisbury. Comments can be submitted on line or in writing but must be received by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.

**This is your opportunity to comment on the Council's plans and proposals for Malmesbury community area and have them considered by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.**

The Council, subject to no fundamental issues being raised on the soundness of the core strategy, intend to submit the document to the Secretary of State in July. At this stage

formal examination of the plan will begin leading to an Examination in Public into the soundness of the document.

(A copy of the core policy for Malmesbury, is attached for information. This policy should be read in conjunction with the other policies of the plan that will apply to development in the local area, such as affordable housing policies, climate change policies and transport policies.)

### **Core Policy 13 – Spatial Strategy: Malmesbury Community Area**

Development in the Malmesbury Community Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Strategy set out in Core Policy 1:

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| Market Towns:     | Malmesbury                                                                                   |
| Larger Villages:  | Ashton Keynes; Crudwell; Great Somerford; Oaksey and Sherston                                |
| Smaller Villages: | Brinkworth; Charlton; Corston; Dauntsey; Lea; Luckington; Milbourne; Minety and Upper Minety |

5 ha of employment land will be provided, including:

|                                   |                                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------|
| Land North of Tetbury Hill        | Saved North Wiltshire District<br>Plan allocation | 1 ha |
| Land at Garden Centre, Malmesbury | Saved North Wiltshire District<br>Plan allocation | 4 ha |

The following Principal Employment Areas will be supported in accordance with Core Policy 35:

Malmesbury Business Park; Dyson Site; and Land North of Tetbury Hill.

Over the plan period (2006 to 2026), at least 1,200 new homes will be provided of which 760 should occur at Malmesbury. 440 homes will be provided in the rest of the community area. There will be no strategic housing sites allocated in Malmesbury. Non strategic development in the Malmesbury Community Area over the plan period may consist of a range of sites in accordance with Core Policies 1 and 2. Development proposals in the Malmesbury Community Area will need to demonstrate how those issues listed in paragraph 5.70 will be addressed.

**Targets:** See housing and employment numbers above; Reduction in local unemployment figures.

**Monitoring and Review:** AMR housing completions; NOMIS official labour market statistics.

**Delivery Responsibility:** Wiltshire Council; Developers.

Notes for chairmen:

- Core strategy will be available for inspection in all local libraries. The summary display is available in only one location within the community area unless requests for additional copies from other organisations have been received.
- Documents which form part of the consultation are Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy, Sustainability Appraisal Report, Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- All evidence prepared to support the production of the core strategy is also available from 20 February on the planning pages of the web site.
- Where an area board meeting takes place within the consultation period a spatial plans officer will attend on request.
- Workshops have been arranged for rural parish councils to outline the approach in identifying large and small villages within the core strategy and to discuss the relationship between the core strategy and neighbourhood plans. Rural parishes will receive an invitation to attend. Dates are:
  - Biddestone Village Hall, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start
  - Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7pm start
  - Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start
  - Wessex Room, Corn Exchange, Devizes, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7pm start