

Neighbourhood Plans in Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade community area - Update

The proposed single neighbourhood for the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade community area is to be replaced by at least three Neighbourhood Plans being prepared in tandem.

- Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan
- Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan
- North-East Wiltshire Villages Neighbourhood Plan (NEW-V)

The move away from a single plan was necessary after Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett Town Councils indicated their intention to officially withdrawal from the 'frontrunner' scheme for which Wiltshire Council had secured money from the Government. The original funding from the Government frontrunner scheme will still be available to the NEW-V neighbourhood area, as the continuing plan.

The parishes involved with the NEW-V neighbourhood plan, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham & Bradenstoke, Purton and Tockenham are in the process of obtaining individual resolutions to agree to be part of this new neighbourhood area. The parishes of Braydon and Marston Meysey have also been invited to join the process. The next step will be to submit an application to Wiltshire Council outlining the parameters of the proposed neighbourhood area.

Common Places are still engaged by the NEW-V area to assist in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Common Places have also been separately engaged by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to assist in the preparation of their Community and Neighbourhood Plans helping to create continuity across the Community Area.

Wiltshire Council has received an application from Cricklade Town Council to designate their parish as a single neighbourhood area and Cricklade are preparing for an initial consultation on the themes of the plan, date to be confirmed. Wiltshire Council will undertake a consultation on the proposed neighbourhood area in line with Regulations as soon as possible.

Wiltshire Council will continue to support all three neighbourhood areas and look forward to working with each of the steering groups overseeing the proposed neighbourhood plans. The move to three neighbourhood areas will present particular challenges concerning policies that may relate to cross boundary issues between plans. It may be possible through the development of shared evidence base and joint working, as appropriate, for cross boundary issues to be addressed.