

## Councillors' Briefing Note No. 158

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### **Wiltshire Core Strategy – Consultation on Schedule of Proposed Modifications and associated documents**

The Wiltshire Core Strategy, which sets out long-term planning and development aims for Wiltshire, was examined in public by an independent Planning Inspector between May and July 2013.

Following the examination hearing sessions the council has published the following documents to give all interested parties the opportunity to comment before the Inspector completes his report:

- A Schedule of Proposed Modifications (August 2013) containing 'main' and 'minor' changes to the Core Strategy
- An update to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
- An update to the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

The Inspector has also requested that the council invites comments on the implications that the two recent ministerial statements relating to wind farm development and national planning practice guidance for renewable energy may have on the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

The consultation will take place for a six week period from **Tuesday 27 August to Wednesday 9 October 2013 inclusive**.

Details of where you can view the Core Strategy, Schedule of Proposed Modifications and associated documents (including the SA update, HRA update, ministerial statements and planning practice guidance document) are **attached**.

# Attachment

## **Wiltshire Core Strategy: Consultation on Schedule of Proposed Modifications (including SA and HRA updates); two ministerial statements relating to wind farm development; and national planning practice guidance for renewable and low carbon energy**

The Wiltshire Core Strategy, which provides the planning policy framework for Wiltshire, recently underwent discussion at a public examination conducted by an independent Planning Inspector.

Following the examination hearing sessions the council has published a **Schedule of Proposed Modifications** (August 2013) containing 'main' and 'minor' changes to the Core Strategy to give all interested parties the opportunity to comment before the Inspector completes his report.

The consultation will take place for a six week period from **Tuesday 27 August to Wednesday 9 October 2013 inclusive**.

The Schedule of Proposed Modifications should be read in conjunction with the Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-Submission Document (February 2012) and the previously consulted on Schedule of Proposed Changes (September 2012).

A 'tracked changes' version of the Core Strategy containing all of the modifications being considered by the Inspector (September 2012 and August 2013) has also been prepared and is available on the council's website (details below).

Representations are invited upon the 'soundness' and legal compliance of the modifications only and should not relate to other matters. Once the consultation has ended the Inspector will consider the responses received on the 'main' modifications and assess whether they raise any issues of 'soundness' and legal compliance.

The council will also take into account any consultation comments made on the 'minor' modifications. These changes do not need to be considered by the Inspector but can be made by the council on adoption of the Plan.

The council has produced an update to the **Sustainability Appraisal (SA)** and **Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)** based on the Schedule of Proposed Modifications. Comments can also be made on these updates.

The Inspector has also requested that the council invites comments on the implications that the following ministerial statements and national planning practice guidance may have on the Core Strategy:

- **Local planning and onshore wind:**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/local-planning-and-onshore-wind>
- **Onshore wind**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/written-ministerial-statement-by-edward-davey-onshore-wind>

- **Planning practice guidance for renewable and low carbon energy**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-practice-guidance-for-renewable-energy>

The consultation documents and representation forms can be viewed and downloaded on the Wiltshire Council website:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/wiltshirecorestrategy/wiltshirecorestrategyexamination.htm>

Alternatively copies of the documents can be viewed at the main council offices (see below) and at all libraries across Wiltshire during normal opening hours:

<b>Wiltshire Council</b> County Hall Trowbridge BA14 8JN	<b>Wiltshire Council</b> 27/29 Milford Street Salisbury SP1 2AP
<b>Wiltshire Council</b> Monkton Park Chippenham SN15 1ER	<b>Wiltshire Council</b> 3-5 Snuff Street Devizes SN10 1FG

A separate form should be completed for each representation you wish to make. Completed representation forms can be sent electronically via email to [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk) or posted to the following address:

Spatial Planning, Economy and Regeneration, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Only those comments that are made in writing/email and that are received at the postal or email address provided within the time period specified will be considered. Late representations will not be forwarded to the Inspector.

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