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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Help shape Wiltshire's plans to 2036: Wiltshire Local Plan Review**

The Council is reviewing the Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2015), which sets out planning policies for the development and use of land in the county over the period to 2026 and is used in the determination of planning applications. In future communications, this will be referred to as the Wiltshire Local Plan Review.

It is necessary to commence work on the review now to ensure that, in line with Government policy, we maintain an up to date plan for Wiltshire that plans over an appropriate timeframe for the new homes, jobs and infrastructure needed to support Wiltshire's communities while protecting the local environment.

We are seeking your views on the scope of the review and the issues the Council should consider in planning for the period to 2036. The review will involve the preparation of a Joint Spatial Framework with Swindon Borough Council. At this stage, no decisions have been made on the future locations for growth and development.

The following consultation documents have been prepared.

### **Wiltshire Local Plan Review: Consultation Paper**

The consultation paper sets out the proposed scope of the Wiltshire Local Plan Review. It explains that the new homes, employment land and associated infrastructure needed to support growth over the period 2016 to 2036 are to be addressed in the review. It also considers: where an update of existing Wiltshire Core Strategy development management policies may be needed to ensure their continued consistency with Government national policy; how to consolidate older 'saved' policies from former Wiltshire district council local plans; and new policies to plan positively for town centres in Wiltshire.

## Swindon and Wiltshire Joint Spatial Framework: Issues Paper

The Joint Spatial Framework is being prepared jointly with Swindon Borough Council and will guide the overall pattern of development across the wider area of the two councils, setting out the distribution of new jobs, homes and infrastructure. It will provide evidence to inform the councils' individual local plan reviews. The Issues Paper has been prepared to stimulate discussion early in the plan making process. It invites comments on the proposed methodology, scope and objectives of the Joint Spatial Framework and strategic issues in the proposed housing market areas. It is supported by profiles of the proposed new housing market areas at Chippenham, Salisbury, Swindon and Trowbridge. The document includes specific questions on which the Council would like to hear your views.

The Council is also inviting representations on a **draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report**. This proposes a Sustainability Appraisal Framework, including objectives and decision aiding questions, to be used in the assessment of draft policies and proposals as part of the plan making process.

### How to comment

The consultation runs from **9:00am on Tuesday 7 November 2017 until 5:00pm on Tuesday 19 December 2017**.

All the consultation documents and supporting evidence are available on this link:  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review>

Copies of the consultation documents can also be viewed during normal opening hours at the Council's main offices at Monkton Park (Chippenham), Bourne Hill (Salisbury), County Hall (Trowbridge) and at all Wiltshire Council libraries.

Comments can be returned via the following means:

- Online via the Council's dedicated consultation portal:  
[http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/spatial\\_planning](http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/spatial_planning)
- By email using the representation form available on the web site and returned to [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk); or
- By post in writing to: Spatial Planning, Economic Development & Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

Should you require further information please phone spatial planning on 01225 713223 or email [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully



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