

Shaping the Future Development of Wiltshire and Swindon

Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan
Review 2016

Pre-deposit Consultation



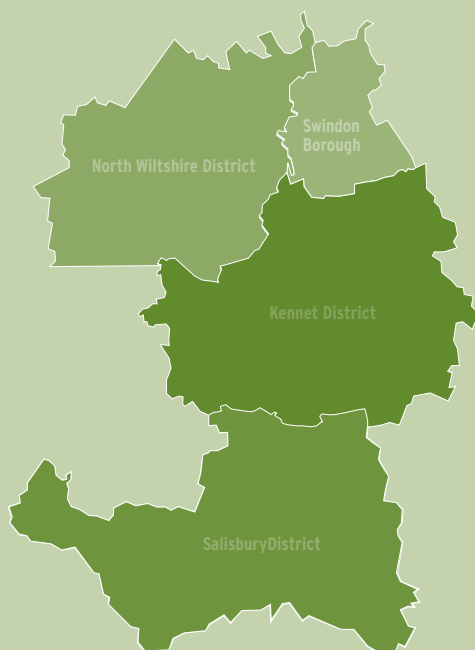
Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan 2016 - What do you think?

Wiltshire County Council and Swindon Borough Council are altering their Structure Plan to guide development in Wiltshire and Swindon up to 2016. Development affects us all. This leaflet identifies the alterations that are being considered. Your views on these are important.

A form is provided at the back of this document on which you should make your comments on the 'Issues' set out in this document. Where appropriate please give any reasons why you agree or disagree with the alterations that are being proposed or questions raised.

Please submit any views to **Wiltshire County Council** on the comment form by **Monday 9 June 2003**.

Background papers have been prepared covering employment and housing issues in more depth. These are available together with copies of the Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011 for inspection at libraries, Council Offices and Wiltshire County Council and Swindon Borough Council websites: www.wiltshire.gov.uk and www.swindon.gov.uk.



What is a Structure Plan?

The Structure Plan provides a strategic policy framework to guide development across the administrative areas of Wiltshire (incorporating Wiltshire County and Swindon Borough). This framework is used to inform the more detailed Local Plans produced by the Borough and District Councils against which decisions on development are made. The Structure Plan is required to be consistent with regional and strategic planning guidance and current national policies issued by the Government.

Why Review the Plan?

The adopted Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011 covers the period up to 2011. Since the Plan was adopted in January 2001, new Regional Planning Guidance for the South West (RPG10) for the period up to 2016 has been issued by the Government as well as new national planning policy guidance (PPGs) on various planning matters. In order to keep the Structure Plan up to date and provide a strategic policy framework within which Local Plans to 2016 can be prepared the Structure Plan needs to be reviewed.

What format will the Review take?

The adopted Plan is regarded as being broadly compatible with all national and regional planning guidance then available. This view was supported by independent planning consultants commissioned to undertake a policy review of the Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011 to examine the extent to which its strategy, policy and proposals comply with current and emerging Government guidance.



Consequently, only limited alterations to the Plan are considered necessary instead of a major review.

Where will the housing go?

To ensure that housing can be provided in accordance with the Regional Development Strategy the levels of distribution for each Borough and District should be informed by the hierarchy of settlements identified in **Figure 1**. However, in order to concentrate Wiltshire's housing provision at the Swindon PUA and Other Designated Centres for Growth as far as possible, the additional allocations for the period 2011 to 2016 need to be distributed to the Districts that contain these settlements.

The proposed housing provision has also been assessed against factors including past completion rates, migration and employment growth. This has led to a reduction in proposed housing numbers for West Wiltshire District in order to achieve a better balance between the anticipated level of in migration and workforce increase and the scale of employment increase. The following housing distribution is proposed:

District /Borough	Net Housing Provision 1996 - 2016 (No. of houses)	New Housing Allocations Required 2011 - 2016 (No. of Houses)
Kennet	5,250	0
North Wiltshire	10,000	1,700
Salisbury	8,500	1,000
Swindon	24,500	1,900
West Wiltshire	11,750	-600
Total	60,000	4,000

Table 1: Proposed Housing Distribution 1996 to 2016

How much new employment land is needed and where it will go?

It is important that the Structure Plan makes provision for an adequate supply of employment land to meet



the demands for economic activity and achieve a better balance of employment and housing in existing settlements. This will help reduce the growth of out commuting and promote self contained communities.



A significant amount of employment land has already been developed, committed or provided for through the emerging Local Plans to 2011 as illustrated in **Column 2 of Table 2**. In determining the scale of

additional employment land that the Borough and Districts should provide for the period 2011 to 2016 a number of factors have been taken into consideration:

- employment projections,
- workforce change,
- past completion rates,
- take up of existing sites and
- availability of large sites.

The proposed levels of housing and associated workforces have been factors in determining the land that is required to 2016. **Column 1 of Table 2** sets out the proposed employment land distribution, as follows:

District /Borough	Employment Land Provision 1996 - 2016 (No. of hectares)	Employment Land Completed, Committed & Allocated in Local Plans 1996 - 2011 (No. of hectares)
Kennet	60	60
North Wiltshire	130	120
Salisbury	70	60
Swindon	260	210
West Wiltshire	160	155
Total	680	605

Table 2: Proposed Employment Land Distribution 1996 to 2016

Issue 2: Policy DP3 - Housing and Employment Proposals

- 2.1 Do you agree with the distribution of 'Net Housing Provision 1996 - 2016' between the Districts / Borough as set out in Table 1?
- 2.2 Do you agree with the distribution of 'Employment Land Provision 1996 - 2016' between the Districts / Borough as set out in Table 2?*

* RPG10 requires major strategic employment sites identified by the Regional Assembly and South West Regional Development Agency to be delivered through Structure Plans. At present no new site has been identified at the Swindon PUA. If a site is identified this could be included in the 260 hectares proposed for Swindon subject to the outcome of the PUA study.

Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan 2016 Pre-deposit Consultation Comments Form

How to use this form.

- Please use this form to set out your comments on the 'Issues' in the Pre-deposit Consultation Leaflet as this will ensure your views are processed and considered promptly and effectively.
- Where appropriate please give any reasons why you agree or disagree with the alterations that are being proposed or questions raised.
- You can comment on more than one 'Issue' on each form.
- Comments must be put in writing and sent to the address at the end of the form.
- Please complete all sections in block capital letters, using black ink.
- You can either photocopy this form for further copies, or obtain more copies free of charge from Wiltshire County Council (tel. 01225 713472) or Swindon Borough Council (tel. 01793 466031).

The deadline for receipt of representations is **Monday 9 June 2003**.

Name:
Organisation (if applicable):
Address:
Postcode:
Telephone No. (daytime):

Agent's Details (if applicable):
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Company:
Address:
Postcode:
Telephone No.:

Ref. (e.g. 5.2)	Support (✓)	Object (✗)	Comments



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Signature _____ Date _____

Please return all completed forms to:

Strategic and Countryside Planning Group, Environmental Services Department,
Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JD.

Completed forms must arrive by Monday 9 June 2003.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Data Protection Notice: Personal information given on this form will be used by both Wiltshire County Council and Swindon Borough Council in connection with your comments on the Wiltshire Structure Plan, but will not be used for any other purpose.