Within the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area most development, including housing, will be focussed at the main centres of Wotton Bassett and Cricklade, while providing greater opportunities for smaller settlements to respond to local needs.

Policy will prevent coalescence between Swindon and outlying settlements and preserve individual identities of Wotton Bassett, Cricklade and the villages.

Employment will be encouraged in Wotton Bassett, building on its role as important local centre and reducing out-commuting to other employment centres. In Cricklade, modest employment growth will be permitted to reinforce its role as a more local service centre.

Wiltshire Council will monitor the future of RAF Lyneham and engage positively with local communities in securing the best outcome to be delivered through the planning process.

**Specific issues in the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area**

- Balancing employment and housing (including affordable housing) This approach will improve self containment, reduce out commuting and create the ‘critical mass’ to fund infrastructure.
- Positive planning for RAF Lyneham is vital and will be implemented by a separate Development Plan Document to be led by the community.
- Environmental constraints must be considered in selecting future housing sites and protecting countryside and settlement identity will be enforced by strong policies that seek to protect and enhance Wiltshire’s environmental assets.
Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area proposals

Housing

Over the plan period (2006 to 2026), 1,250 new homes will be provided of which 920 should occur at Wootton Bassett. 330 homes will be provided in the rest of the community area.

There will be no strategic housing allocation in Wootton Bassett or Cricklade.

Non strategic sites can be identified through either a neighbourhood plan or a site allocation development plan document.

Delivery of proposed housing 2006 to 2026, Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area:

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Employment

Land to the West of Templar’s Way  Saved North Wiltshire District Local Plan allocation  3.7ha

The following existing principal employment areas will be supported: Whitehill Industrial Estate, Interface Industrial Estate and Coped Hall Business Park.

Are there any changes that you would suggest to the strategy set out for Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area?
Infrastructure requirements identified so far to support development at Wootton Bassett:

- sustainable transport improvements such as the Cricklade Country Way.
- water infrastructure improvements like completion of Wessex Water scheme to reduce flooding in Wootton Bassett and possible sewerage upgrades
- financial contributions towards primary school provision.
- improvements to GP surgeries and fire and rescue services.
- improved recreational facilities such as cycle linkages, Ballards’ Ash Sports Hub, Cricklade Country Way and restoration of the Wilts and Berks Canal

Are there additional infrastructure requirements needed to support development in Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area?