



Wiltshire Local Development Framework Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire's future Consultation feedback

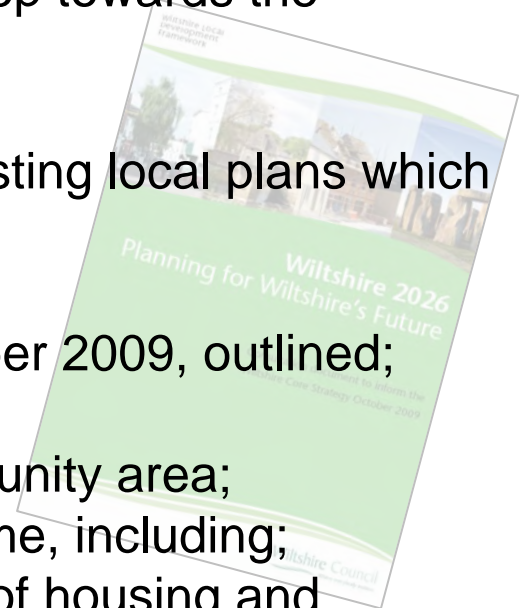
Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire's future

The Wiltshire 2026 consultation formed an important step towards the development of the **Wiltshire Core Strategy**.

The strategy will eventually replace elements of the existing local plans which planning decisions are currently set against.

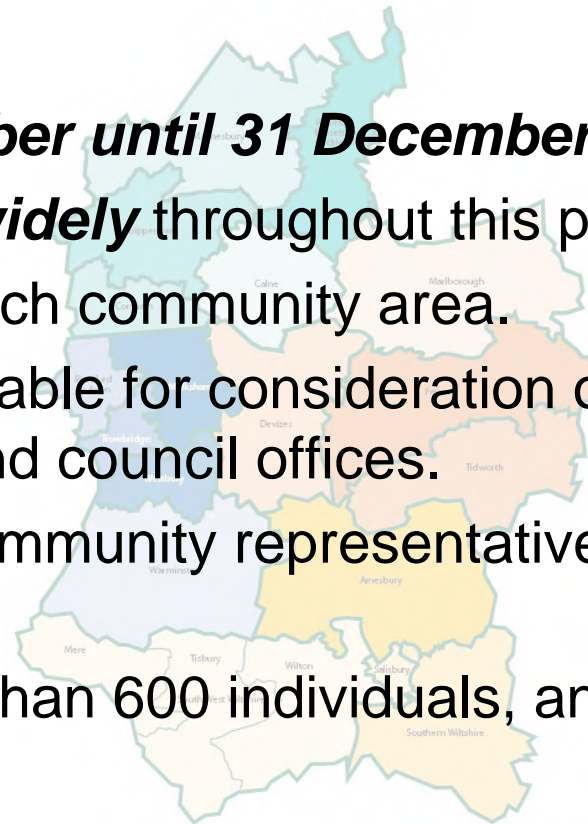
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- a vision for Wiltshire;
- the opportunities and issues within each community area;
- proposals for how that area will change over time, including;
- an outline of the suggested scale and location of housing and employment development where identified.



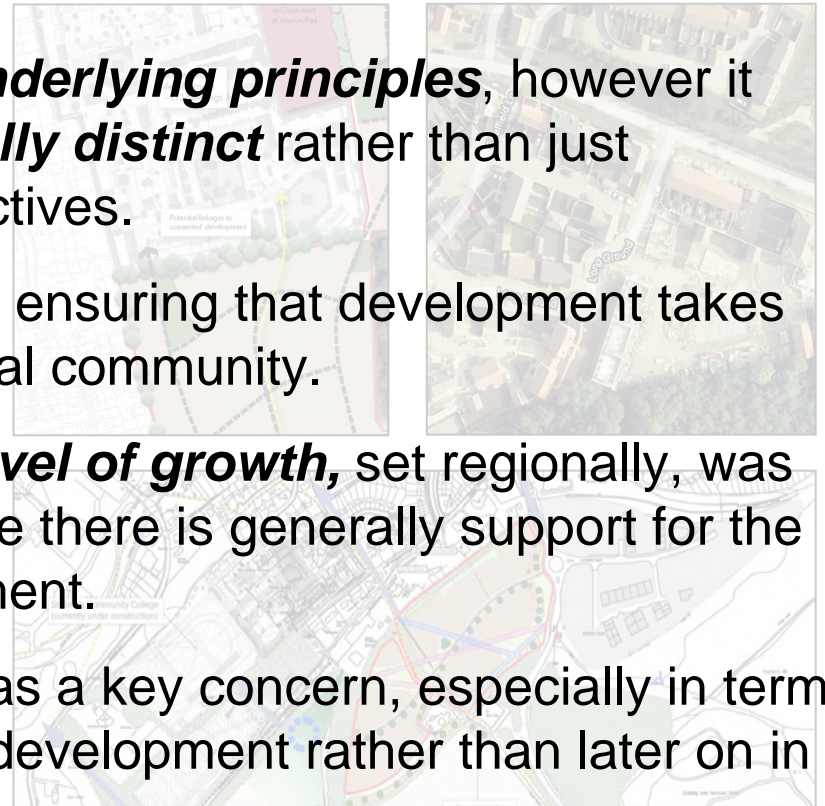
Consultation process

- The consultation ran from **30 October until 31 December 2009**.
- The consultation was **publicised widely** throughout this period.
- **Public exhibitions** were held in each community area.
- The consultation material was available for consideration on the council's website, within libraries and council offices.
- **Workshops** were also held with community representatives and organisations.
- Over **2,000 comments** from more than 600 individuals, and organisations were made.



Overarching opinion

- The vision demonstrated **sound underlying principles**, however it was felt that it should be more **locally distinct** rather than just delivering central government objectives.
- The plan should be **firm and clear**, ensuring that development takes place with the agreement of the local community.
- Although some concern over the **level of growth**, set regionally, was highlighted overall, in West Wiltshire there is generally support for the need for further balanced development.
- **Infrastructure delivery** was seen as a key concern, especially in terms of its timely delivery at the point of development rather than later on in the plan period.



Issues raised in the Bradford on Avon Community Area

- Public transport, cycling provision, traffic, and flood risk should all be identified as issues in Bradford on Avon.
 - Need to emphasise importance of the historic environment.
 - Bradford on Avon should be identified as an exemplar for community action on climate change.
 - Broad support for the preferred strategic site option and agreement that the alternative site would be unsuitable.
 - Potential impacts of development on bats and traffic should be investigated.
 - Need to protect setting of The Hall, and avoid intrusion on the green belt.
 - May be preferable to spread development over a number of smaller sites.
 - More detail should be provided about type of employment development, and density and location of housing on preferred option.
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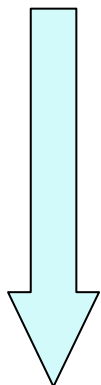
Proposed actions to respond to issues raised

- Consider appropriate policy approaches to address traffic problems, pedestrian intimidation, poor cyclist provision, flood risk, and protection and enhancement of historic environment.
- Consider potential role of Bradford on Avon as local exemplar on climate change, and possible reference to this within Core Strategy.
- Investigate specific concerns with the preferred option site (potential impact on The Hall, traffic generation, intrusion on the green belt, impact on bats).
- Assess suggested alternative sites through the strategic sites methodology.
- Further work to be undertaken to provide detail for the preferred option (type of employment development planned, density and precise location of housing).

Next steps for the core strategy

- A full report on the consultation outcome will be available in early June. The report will be available to view on the councils website and offices.

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Production of a **draft core strategy** - further consultation and developing the evidence base.

The draft core strategy will then be **formally submitted** to the secretary of state for consideration – anticipated spring 2011.

The submission will be followed by an **examination in public** and independent scrutiny by a Government appointed planning inspector.

Further information

To find out more and to receive notification of future consultation events please visit.....

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk>

