



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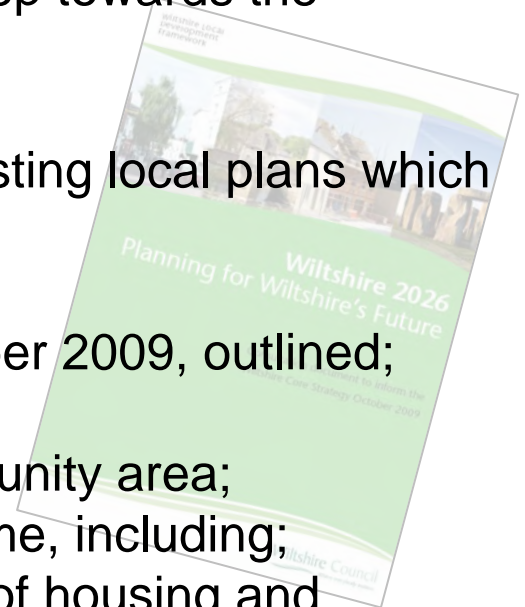
# *Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire's future*

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.

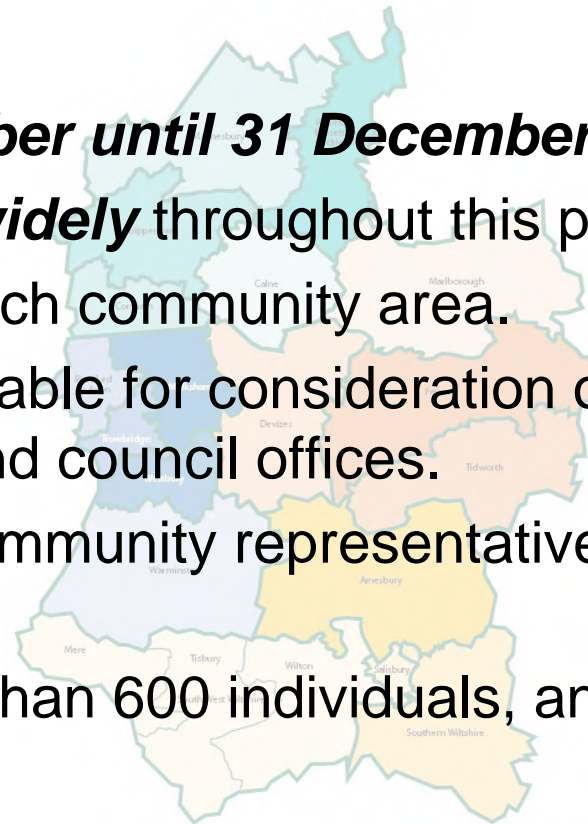
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



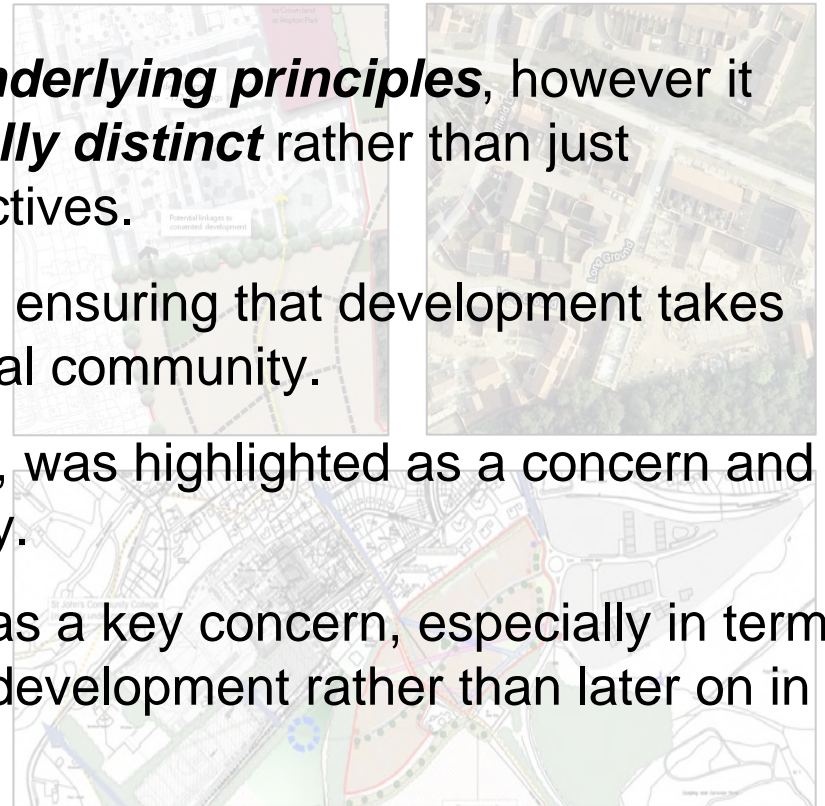
## Consultation process

- 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.
- The **level of growth**, set regionally, was highlighted as a concern and was felt to be unnecessary by many.
- **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 Calne Community Area*

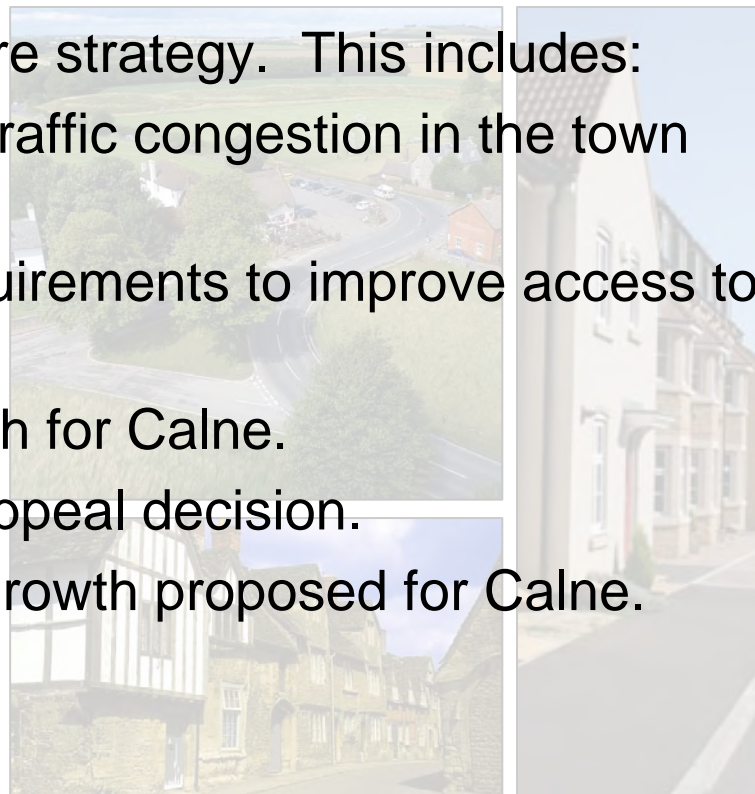
There was general support for the issues and opportunities identified in the Calne Community Area. The key issues are:

- Traffic congestion in Calne town centre needs to be alleviated.
- There is a lack of access to services.
- Mixed response to the level of employment growth proposed for Calne.
- Mixed response to the level of housing growth. Several responses called for higher housing numbers to facilitate development of an eastern bypass through planning gain. Calne Town Council has carried out its own consultation on this matter – the majority did not support higher housing numbers.
- Mixed response to the preferred site for 500 dwellings east of Calne. 350 of these 500 dwellings have now been granted planning permission via appeal.
- Further public consultation is being held on the location of growth in Chippenham.

## *Proposed actions to respond to issues raised*

Further work is needed to inform the core strategy. This includes:

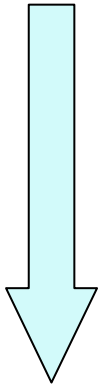
- Investigating solutions to alleviating traffic congestion in the town centre.
- Identifying specific infrastructure requirements to improve access to services.
- Examining the level of housing growth for Calne.
- Considering the implications of the appeal decision.
- Examining the level of employment growth proposed for Calne.



## Next steps for the core strategy

- A full report on the consultation outcome will be available shortly. 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** for independent scrutiny by a planning inspector.

## *Further information*

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

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

