



Wiltshire Local Development Framework
Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire's future
Consultation feedback
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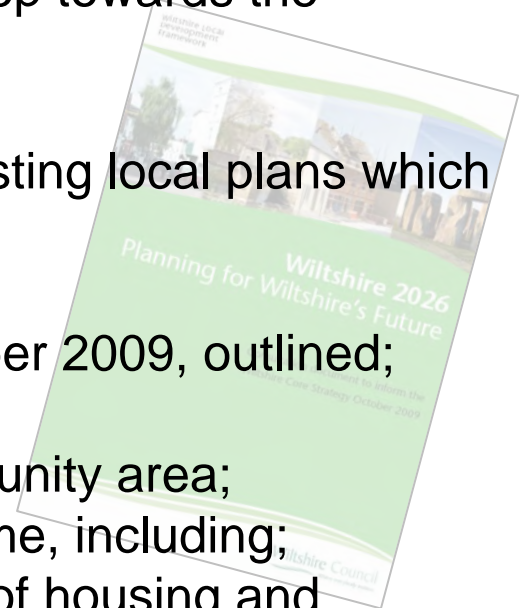
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The Wiltshire 2026 consultation formed an important step towards the development of the **Wiltshire Core Strategy**.

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

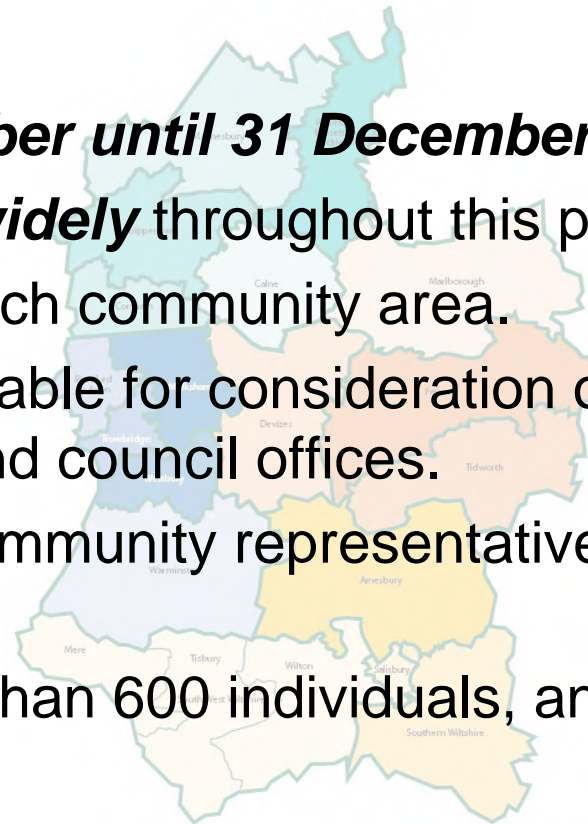
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



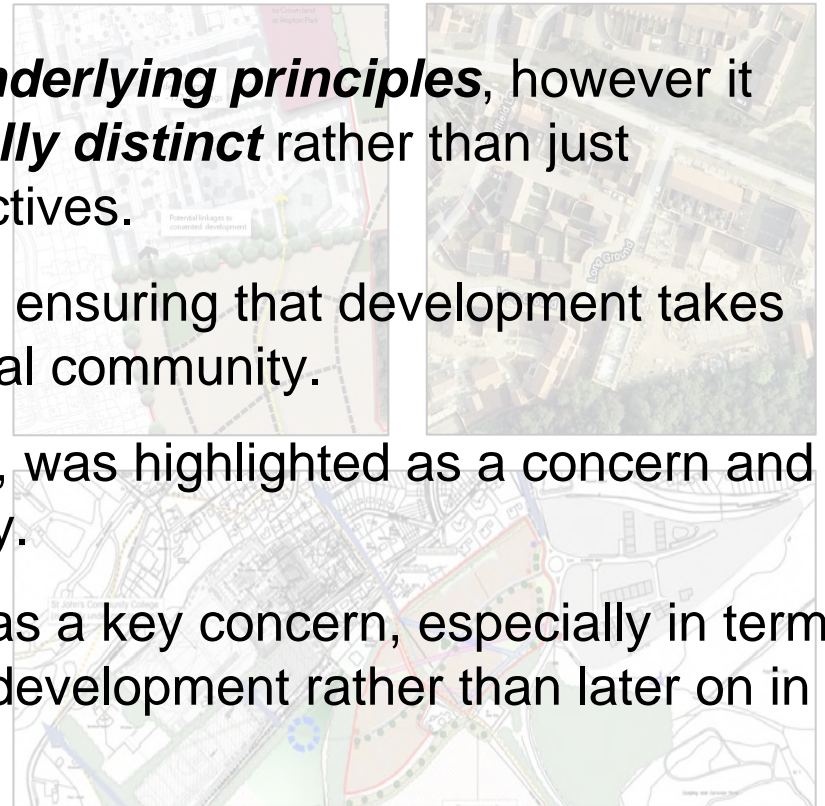
Consultation process

- 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.



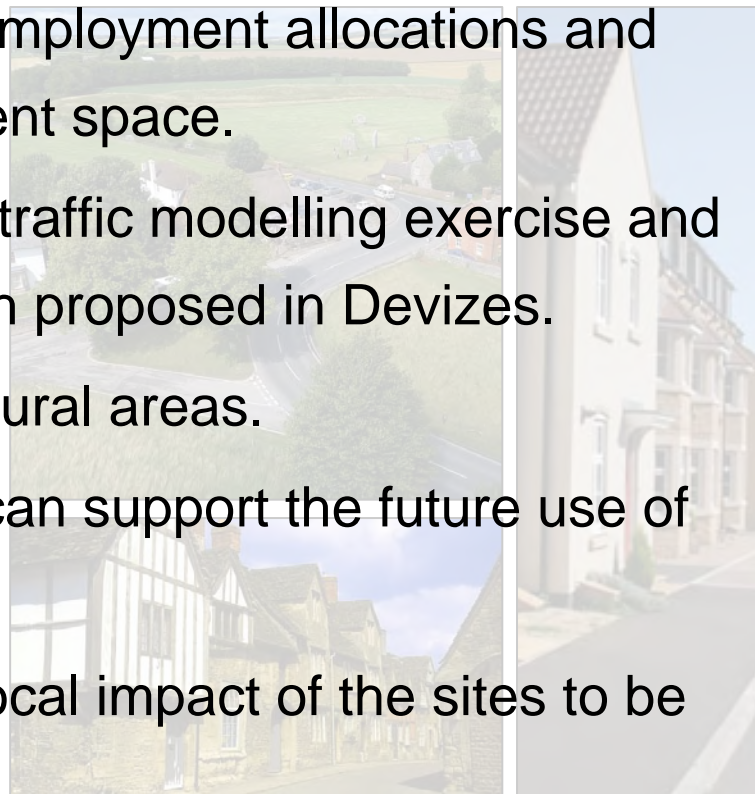
Issues raised in the Devizes Community Area

The responses showed that the section on issues and opportunities generally presented a fair reflection of the character, and challenges, facing Devizes. The main areas of concern were:

- The scale of new housing – too much or too little?
- The need to protect and promote a diverse employment base.
- Appropriate retail and tourism opportunities
- The future of the Wharf and Assize Courts
- Continuing traffic congestion
- The need for a clearer rural policy for the villages

Proposed actions to respond to issues raised

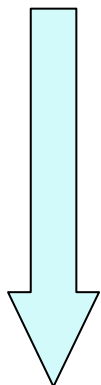
- Additional research to support new employment allocations and protect the loss of existing employment space.
- Examine the outcome of the revised traffic modelling exercise and its implications for the scale of growth proposed in Devizes.
- Strengthen and clarify policy for the rural areas.
- Consider how regeneration policies can support the future use of the Wharf and Assize Courts.
- Closer examination of the potential local impact of the sites to be allocated.



Next steps for the core strategy

- A full report on the consultation outcome will be available by 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** 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>

