



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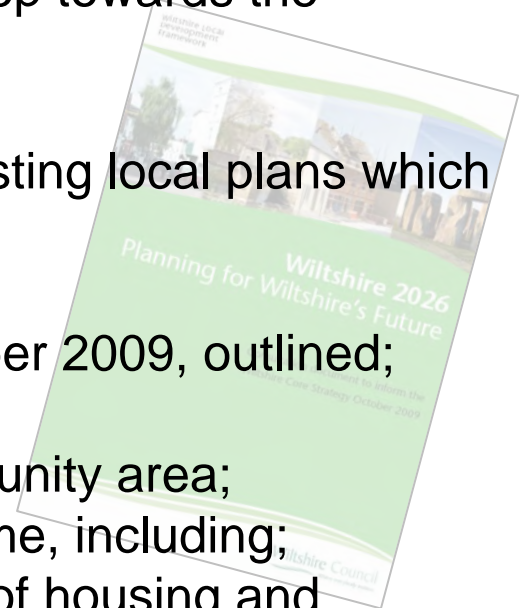
# ***Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire’s future***

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.

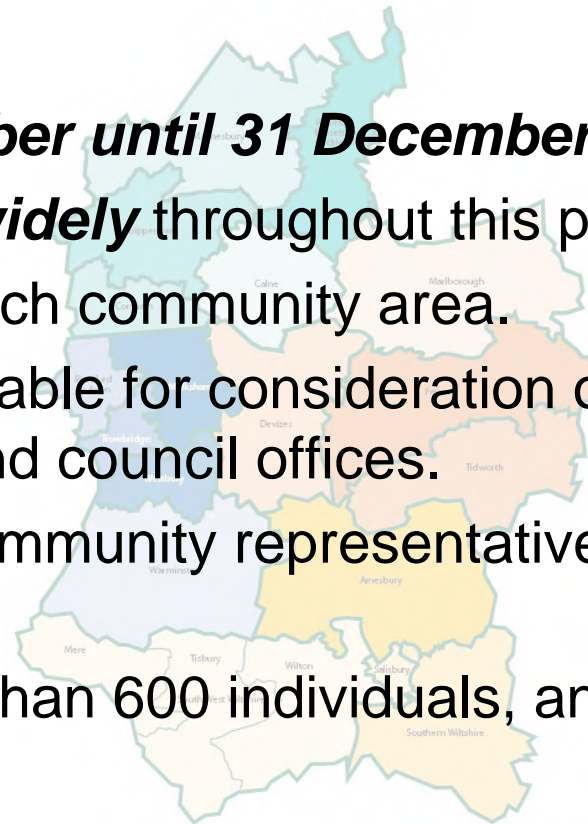
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



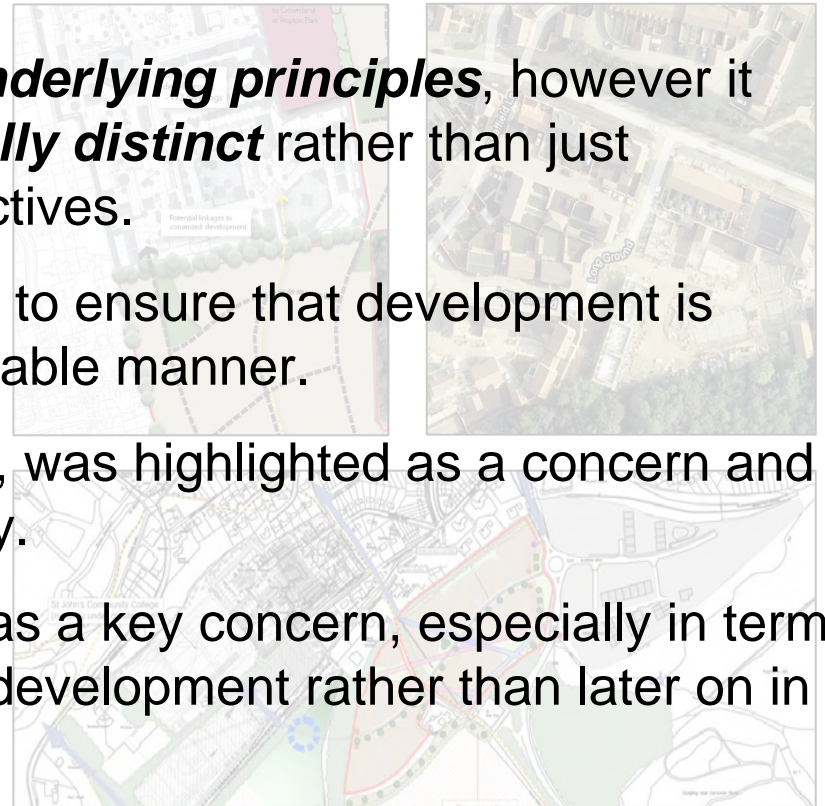
## Consultation process

- 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**, to ensure that development is brought forward in the most sustainable manner.
- 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.



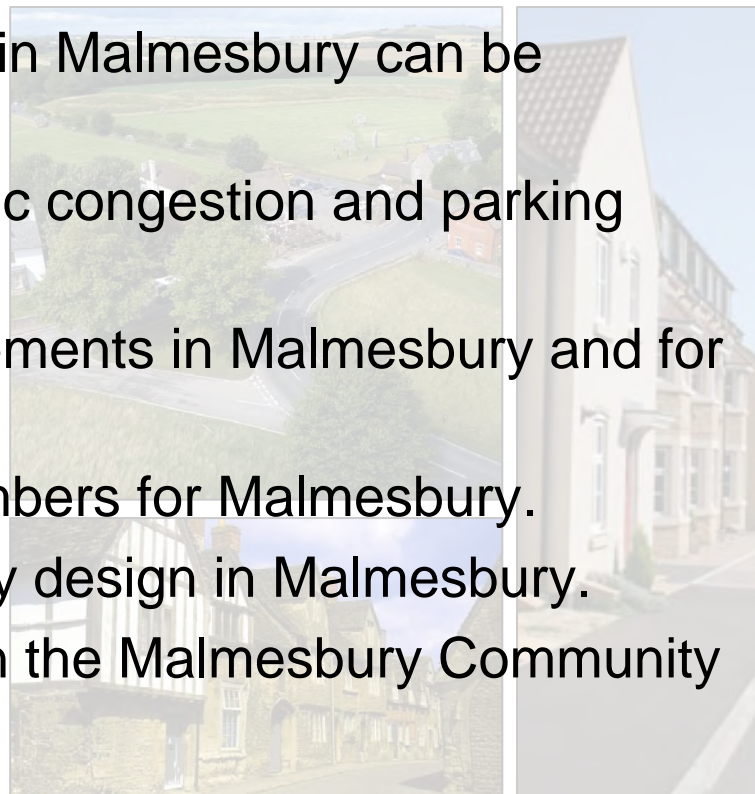
## *Issues raised in the Malmesbury Community Area*

There was general support to the issues and opportunities raised in the Malmesbury area. The key issues are:

- Malmesbury has a good economic base but it relies on one employer and needs to diversify.
- There are infrastructure requirements particularly related to parking and traffic issues on the High Street.
- There was a mixed response to the level of growth proposed for Malmesbury.
- Any new development should be of high quality design.
- There was an equal split between support and opposition for the preferred site but if development does go ahead this option was more popular than the alternative options.
- A number of comments called for further consideration to be given to the level of development in villages.

## *Proposed actions to respond to issues raised*

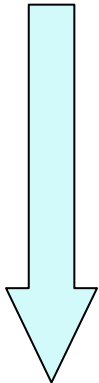
- Consider how the employment base in Malmesbury can be broadened.
- Investigate solutions to alleviate traffic congestion and parking issues in the town centre.
- Identify specific infrastructure requirements in Malmesbury and for the preferred site.
- Reassess the proposed housing numbers for Malmesbury.
- Ensure development is of high quality design in Malmesbury.
- Reassess the status of the villages in the Malmesbury Community Area.



## 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.
- This is an indicative timetable subject to review.

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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>**

