



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

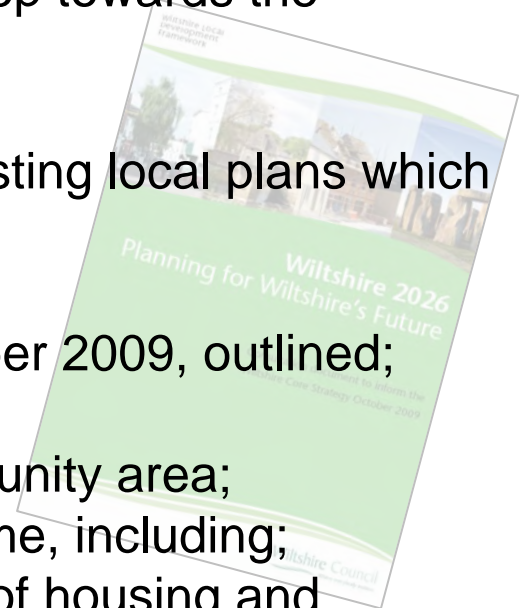
Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire's future

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.

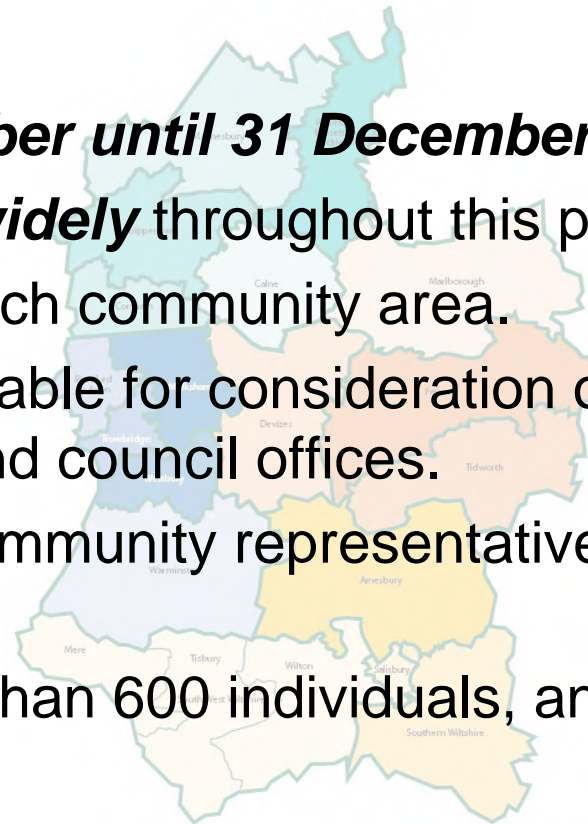
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



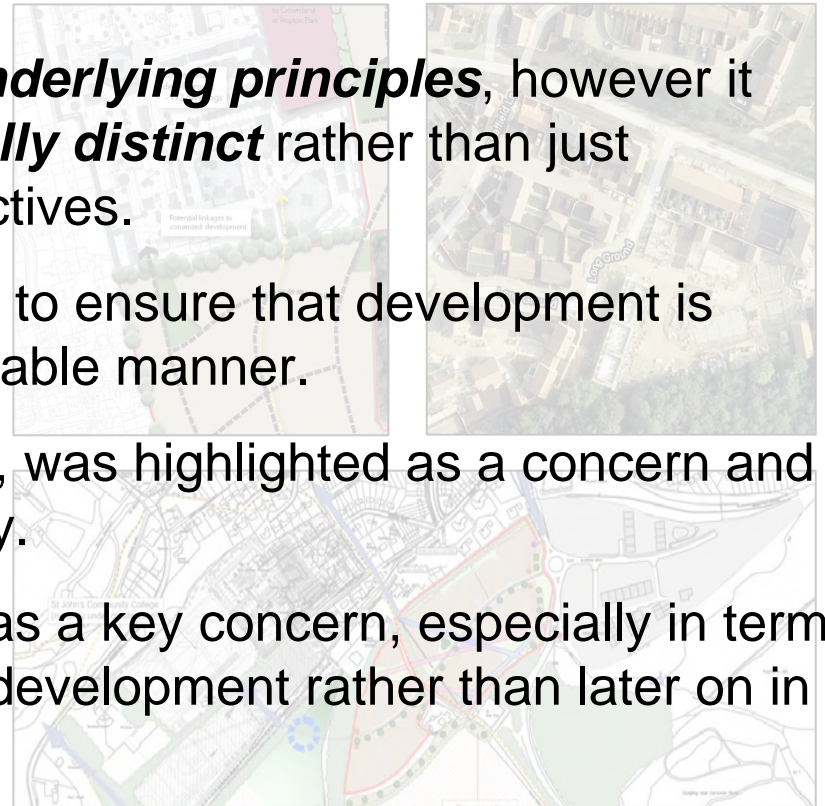
Consultation process

- 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**, 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.

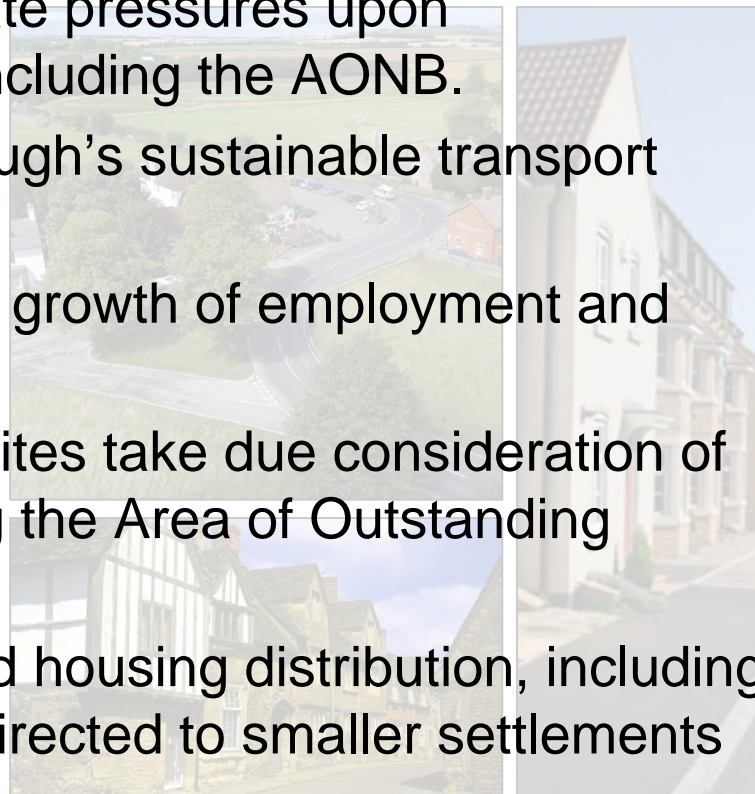


Issues raised in the Marlborough Community Area

- The importance of protecting Marlborough's natural environment, including the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, was raised a number of times.
- Several comments highlighted an aspiration to improve and encourage more sustainable forms of transportation.
- The need for 'proportionate' carefully managed growth to deliver the homes and jobs the community needs, in a sympathetic manner, which doesn't erode the qualities that people value.
- Mixed response with regards to the level and distribution of new housing within the community area. Several comments proposed distributing more homes to smaller villages within the community area.

Proposed actions to respond to issues raised

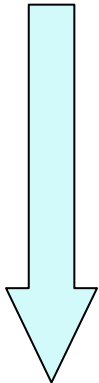
- Consider how to evaluate and alleviate pressures upon Marlborough's sensitive landscape including the AONB.
- Investigate how to improve Marlborough's sustainable transport linkages and modes.
- Consider the need for 'proportionate' growth of employment and housing opportunities.
- Ensure that any proposed strategic sites take due consideration of environmental designations including the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- Consider the implications of a revised housing distribution, including increasing the number of dwellings directed to smaller settlements within the community area.



Next steps for the core strategy

- A full report on the consultation outcome will be available by the end of 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 planning inspector.

Further information

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

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

