



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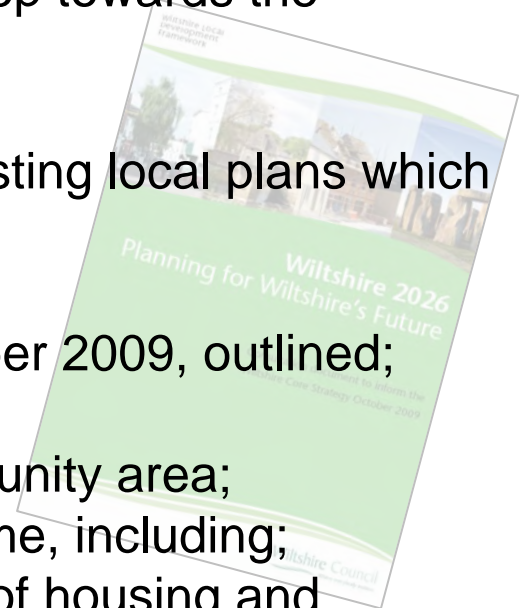
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The Wiltshire 2026 consultation formed an important step towards the development of the ***Wiltshire Core Strategy***.

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

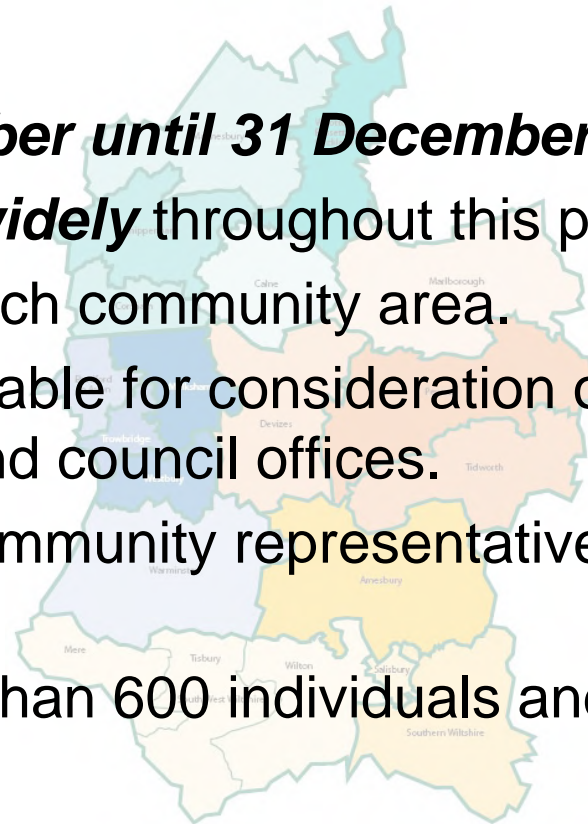
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



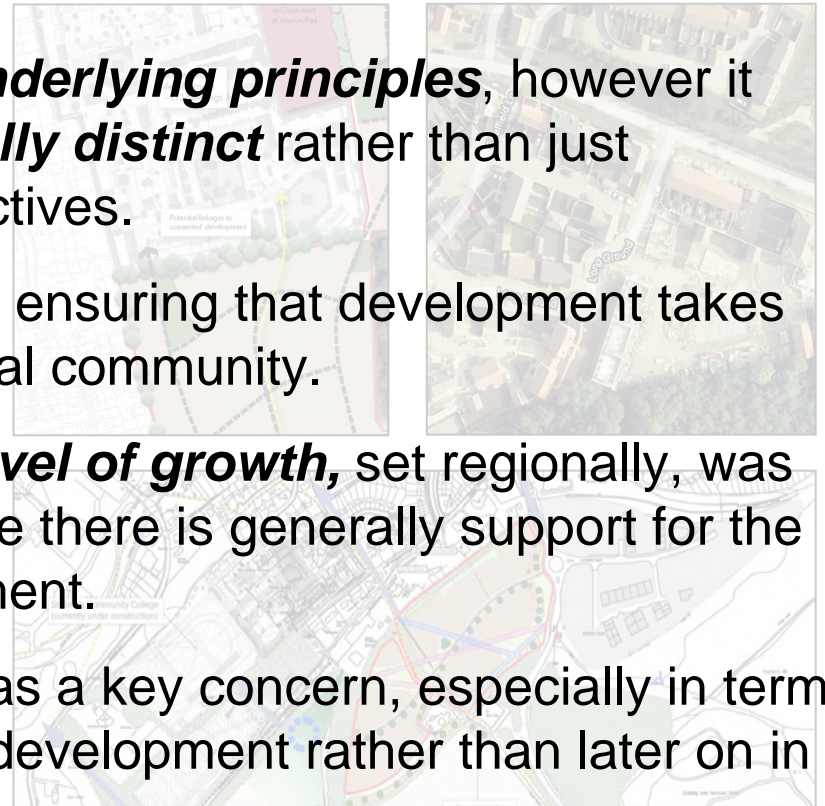
Consultation process

- 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.
- 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 Melksham Community Area

- Town centre is in need of regeneration
- Need to improve existing infrastructure, facilities and services
- Melksham should not be restricted because it is identified as a market town rather than a strategically significant town
- Support for economic growth in Melksham
- Support for limited affordable housing in larger villages
- Concern over number of houses proposed in Melksham
- Objections to development between Melksham and Bowerhill
- Desire to protect the historic setting of the Spa
- Objections to employment development south of Berryfield

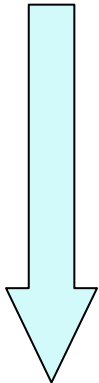
Proposed actions to respond to issues raised

- Consider appropriate policy approach to regeneration of town centre
- Identify facilities and services needed to support development, and consider appropriate policy approach to ensure timely provision
- Review proposed housing allocation for Melksham
- Reconsider proposed land for housing between Melksham and Bowerhill in light of concerns raised
- Consider appropriate policy approach to protect historic setting of the Spa
- Reconsider proposed employment site south of Berryfield in light of concerns raised

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 council's website and at 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>

