



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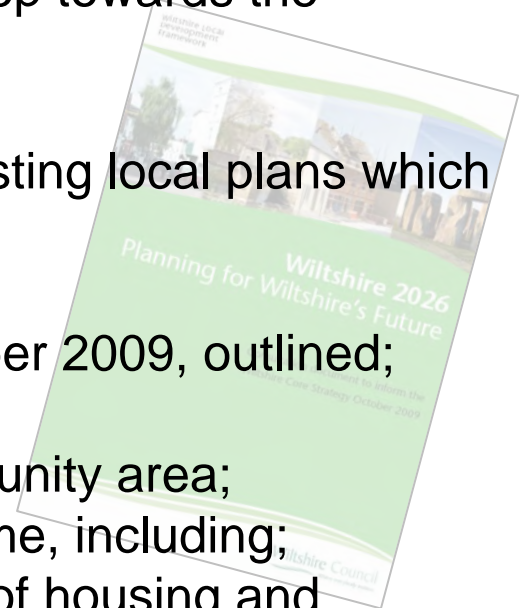
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The Wiltshire 2026 consultation formed an important step towards the development of the **Wiltshire Core Strategy**.

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

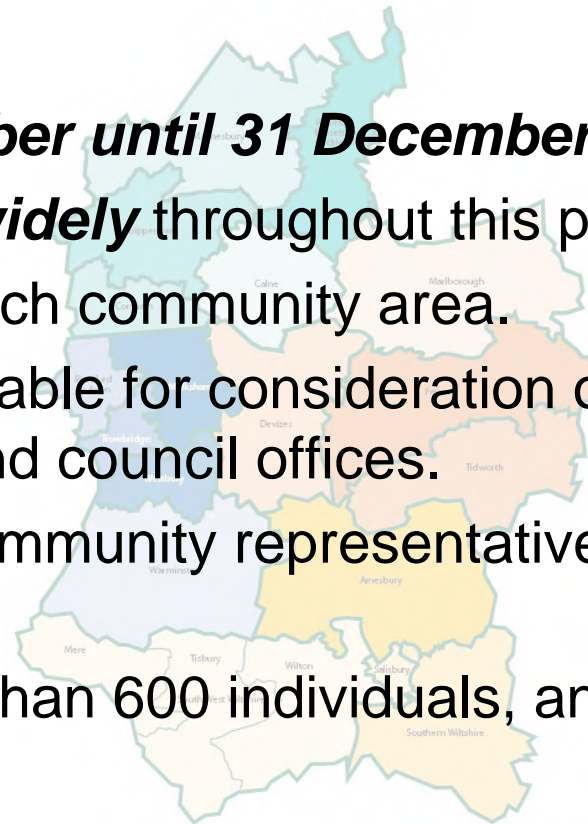
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



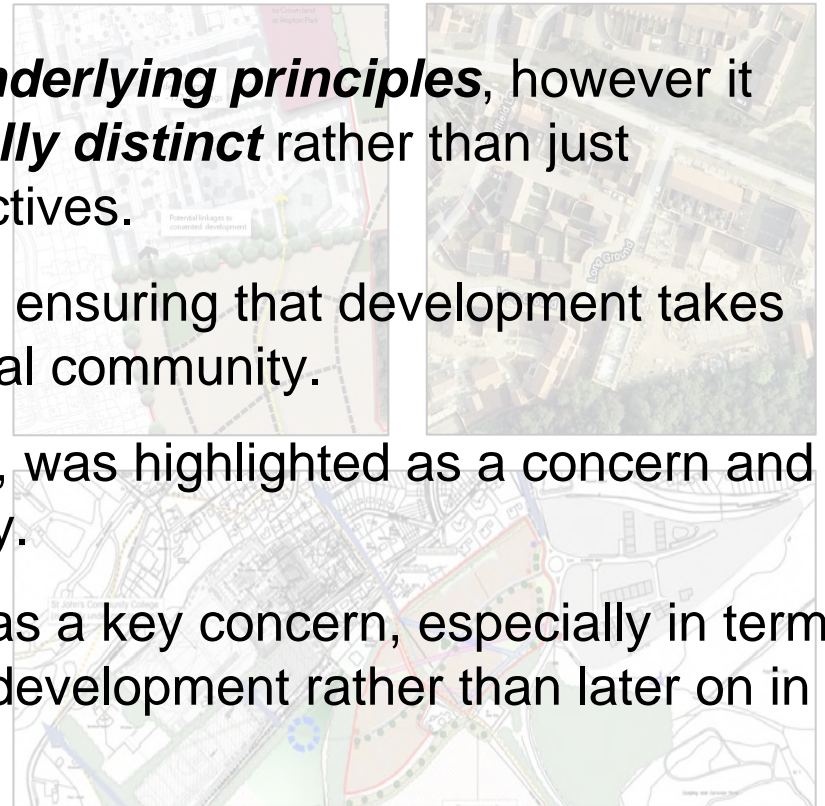
Consultation process

- 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.



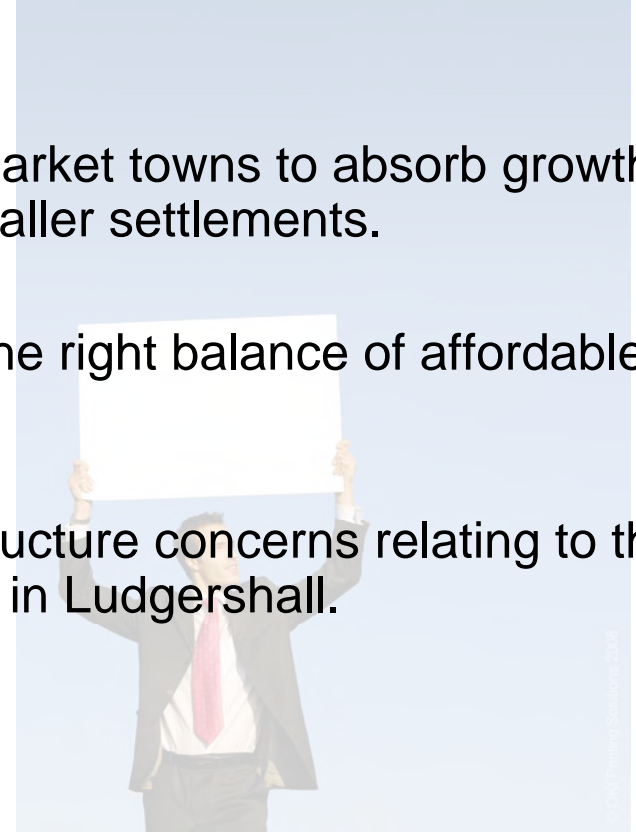
Overarching opinion

- 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.



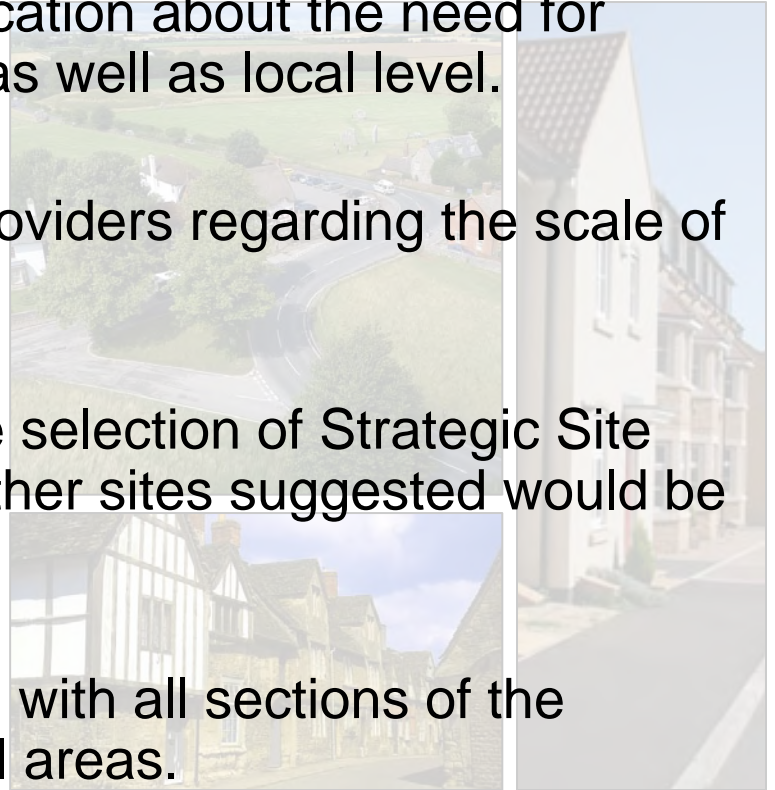
Issues raised in the Tidworth Community Area

- The imbalance between the military/ civilian communities. Ambitions in the plan are sound but are they achievable?
- The ability of Tidworth and Ludgershall as market towns to absorb growth. There is less support for the approach to smaller settlements.
- Housing development was supported, with the right balance of affordable units so as not to discourage developers.
- Potential flooding issues in Tidworth, infrastructure concerns relating to the A303 and water treatment/ sewerage issues in Ludgershall.
- The need for more light industrial units.



Proposed actions to respond to issues raised

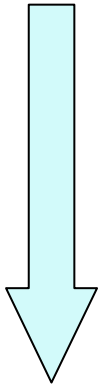
- Provide a clearer explanation/ justification about the need for planning at the strategic (Wiltshire) as well as local level.
- Consult further with infrastructure providers regarding the scale of development.
- Re-examine the rationale behind the selection of Strategic Site Options and consider whether the other sites suggested would be better options.
- Explore ways of more fully engaging with all sections of the community, particularly in small rural areas.



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** 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>

