



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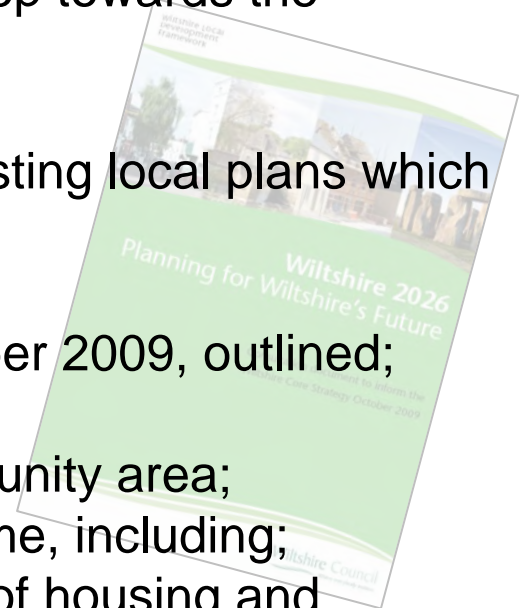
# ***Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire’s future***

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.

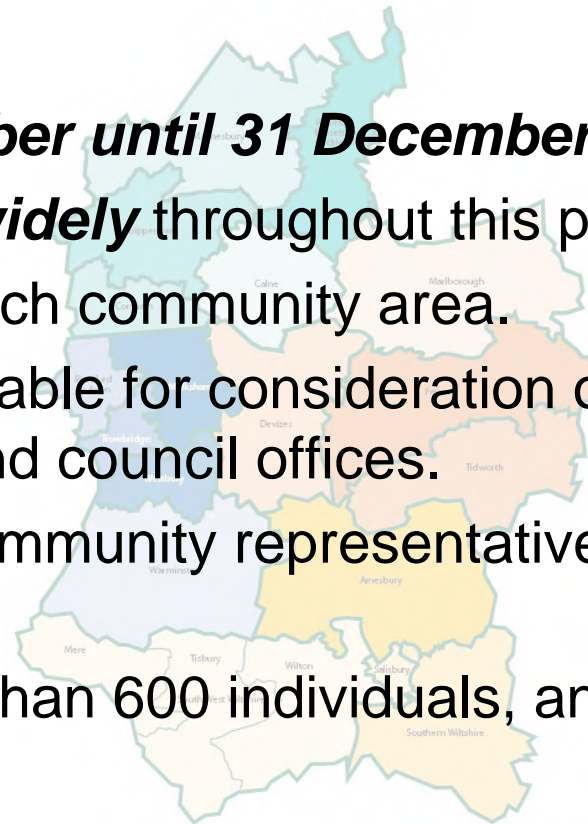
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



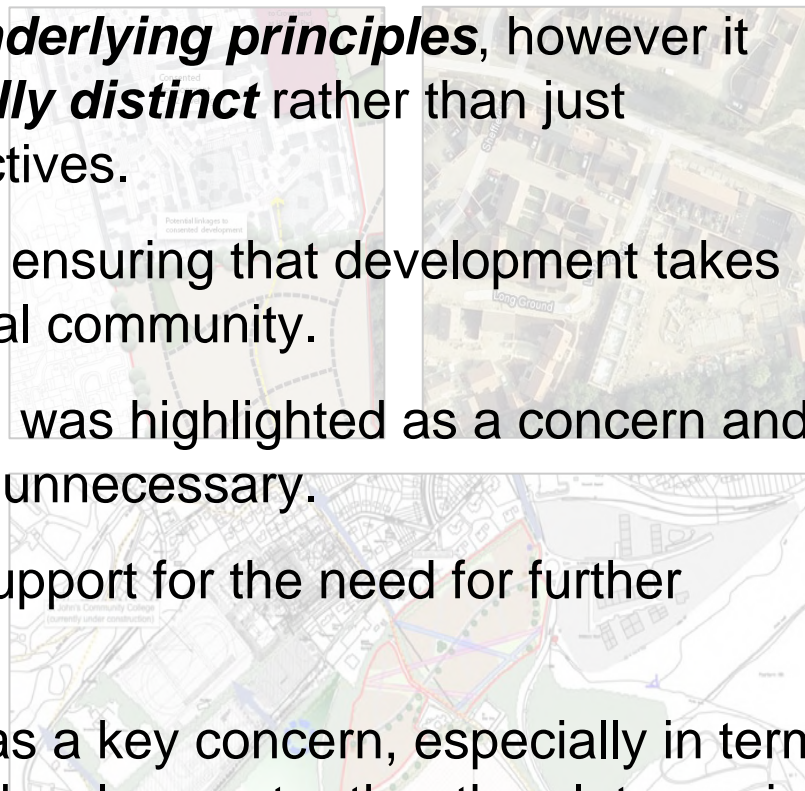
## Consultation process

- 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**, ensuring that development takes place with the agreement of the local community.
- The **level of growth**, set regionally, was highlighted as a concern and in parts of Wiltshire it was felt to be unnecessary.
- In West Wiltshire there is general 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 Warminster Community Area*

There was broad support for **Wiltshire 2026**. Particular issues included:

- Clear consensus that increased employment provision in the town is needed.
- Any future development should be balanced and highly sustainable.
- There is a good level of support for the principle of town centre regeneration and the work underway to prepare a Town Plan.
- Views on the proposed **Strategic Development Site** were mixed.
- Any development should include appropriate infrastructure, suitable solutions to existing highways issues and should not contribute to increased flooding in the town.
- The need for improved cycle and pedestrian linkages, both with the town centre, and neighbouring towns.

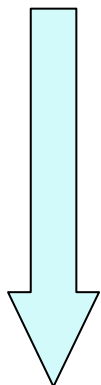
## *Proposed actions to respond to issues raised*

- Further work to inform the proposed strategic development sites.
- Suitable solutions to road congestion and transport issues present in the town need to be identified.
- An issue surrounding Water Phosphate levels in the River Avon needs to be resolved.
- Improve alignment with the ***Warminster Town Plan*** (currently under preparation).

## 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 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 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>**

