



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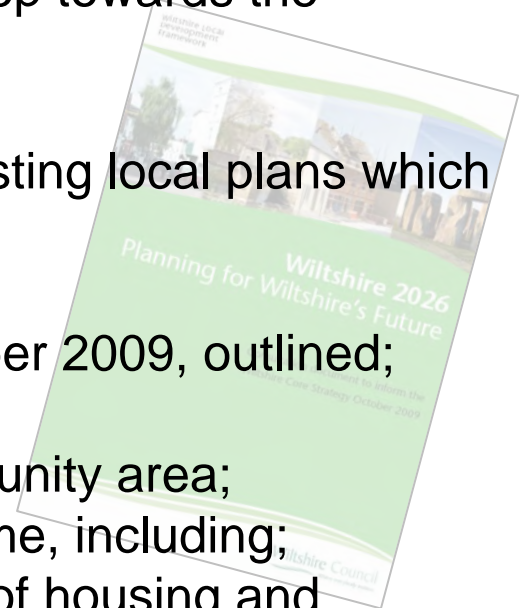
# ***Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire’s future***

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.

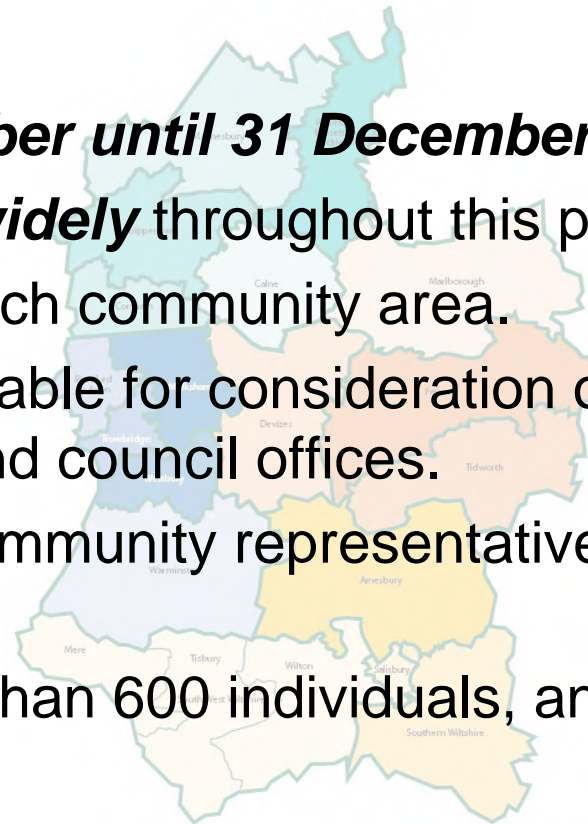
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



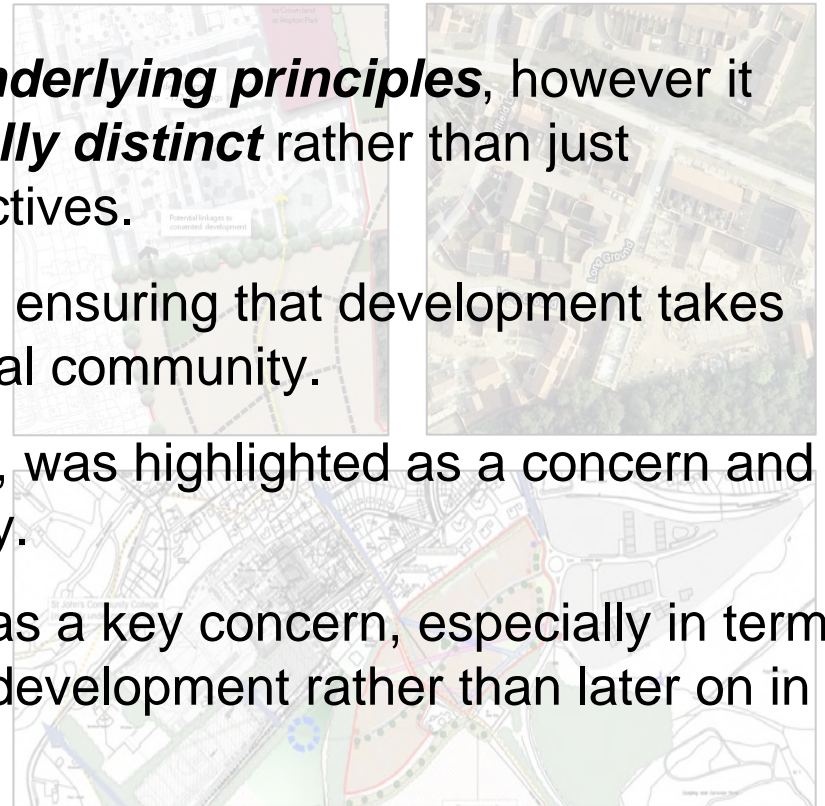
## Consultation process

- 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 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.

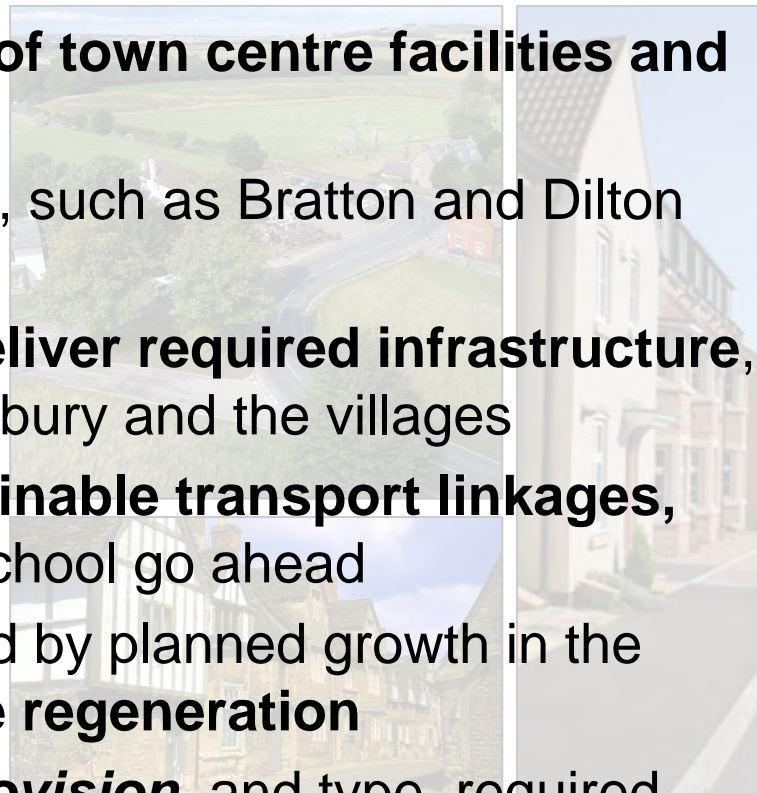


## *Issues raised in the Westbury Community Area*

- Improving services and facilities within Westbury town centre
- Directing appropriate growth to the villages as well as the town
- Having a more integrated public transport system, which links the villages with the town and makes full use of good rail and road links between Westbury and other main settlements nearby
- The implications of relocating Matravers Schools to the Leigh Park area in terms of sustainable transport and accessibility
- The impact on the town centre of community facilities, such as the School, moving to an edge of town location
- The perception that too much employment, in comparison with housing, had been allocated to Westbury. However, the relative allocations reflect the high level of housing growth in recent years.

## *Proposed actions to respond to issues raised*

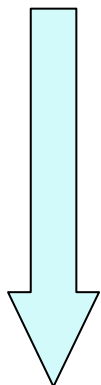
- Consider how to improve **the range of town centre facilities and services** in Westbury
- Consider how **the needs of villages**, such as Bratton and Dilton Marsh, can be addressed
- Identify how the core strategy can **deliver required infrastructure**, including transport solutions, in Westbury and the villages
- Explore the **opportunities for sustainable transport linkages**, should the relocation of Matravers School go ahead
- Investigate the opportunities provided by planned growth in the Core Strategy to deliver **town centre regeneration**
- Explore the level of **employment provision**, and type, required 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 council's 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** 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>**

