



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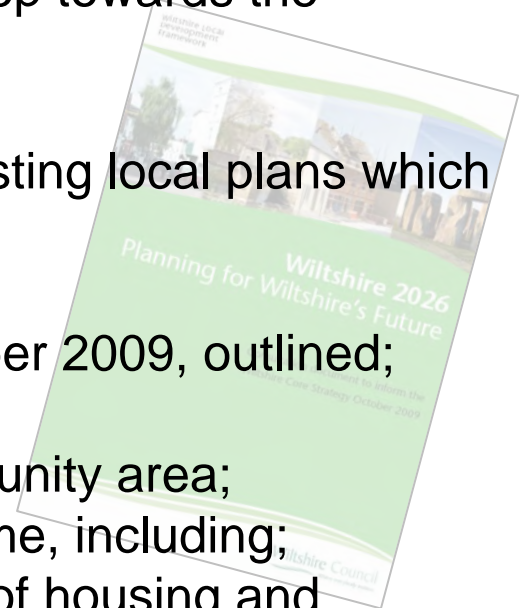
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The Wiltshire 2026 consultation formed an important step towards the development of the **Wiltshire Core Strategy**.

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

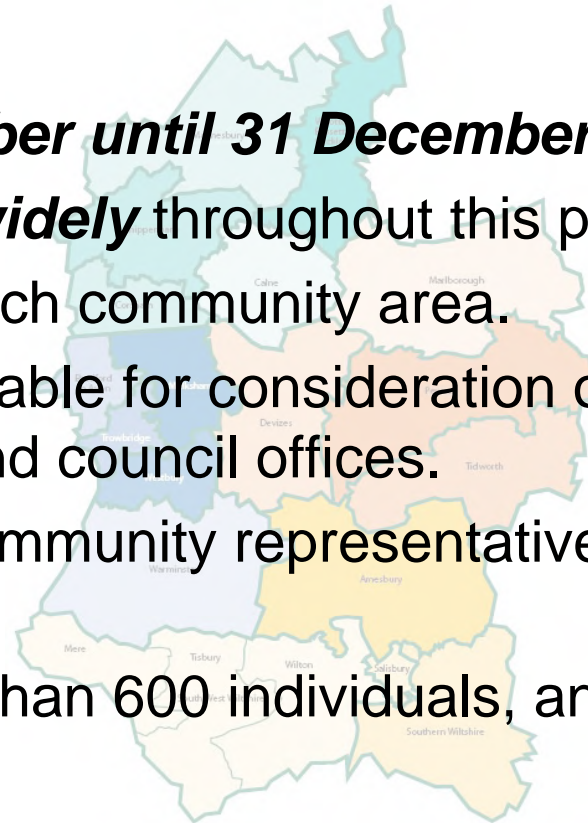
The Wiltshire 2026 consultation, launched during October 2009, outlined;

- 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.



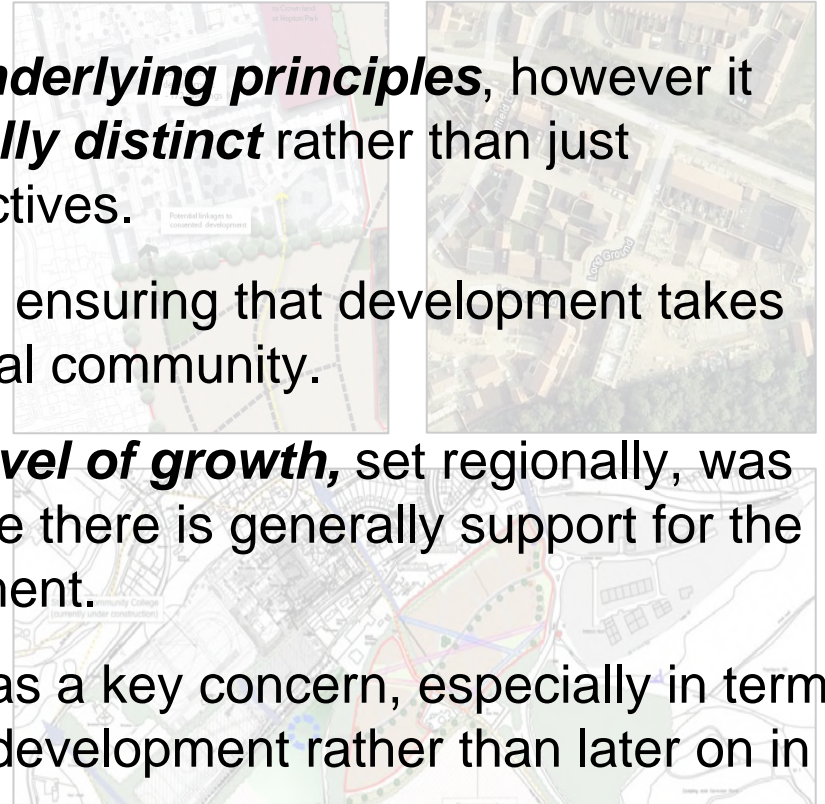
Consultation process

- 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 north 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 Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area

There was broad acceptance and support for the objectives of **Wiltshire 2026**: The main issues included:

- Recognition of the dormitory role of Wootton Bassett with divided opinion as to how this can be addressed.
- Agreement on the need to deliver affordable housing but some reluctance to see the growth that would provide such housing.
- Concern regarding the impact of the closure of RAF Lyneham and questions about its potential suitability for housing in the future
- The focus on Wootton Bassett for housing and employment is at the expense of planning for smaller towns and rural areas.
- The proposed expansion at the west of Swindon and its impact on the Community Area.
- Congestion / Capacity of Junction 16 M4.

Proposed actions to respond to issues raised

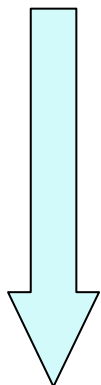
Detailed work is needed to inform the Core Strategy. This includes:

- Further planning for the proposed strategic development within the Community Area to ensure sustainable patterns of development are achieved.
- Continued engagement with the military through the 'Military Civilian Integration' programme in order to plan for the closure of RAF Lyneham.
- Continued joint working with Swindon Borough Council to address development proposals at the west of Swindon and congestion issues at J16 M4.
- Identify the key infrastructure requirements and plan for the appropriate delivery of services and facilities to support development.
- Further assessment of the capacity of smaller towns and villages to accommodate growth.

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>

