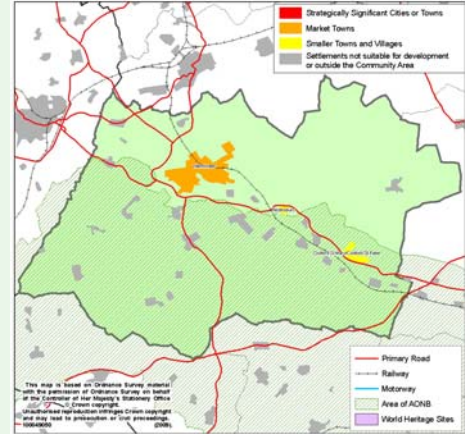


Warminster

What do we already know about Warminster community area?

The town of Warminster is strategically situated at the junction of the A36 and A350 with direct links to the M3 and M4. It is also well served by a mainline railway. The Salisbury Plain dominates the landscape, which is used as a military training area by the neighbouring garrisons. The Warminster Garrison is being redeveloped. This redevelopment is not expected to bring about a significant increase in the number of military personnel based within the community area.



Community area

Total land area: 27,972 hectares Population in 2007: 24,319 Av. house price in 2008: £217,333
Principal town: Warminster Population of principal town: 17,840 Housing completions in principal town since 2001: 314 dwellings or 39 dwellings/year Housing commitments in principal town at April 2009: 512

Key issues in Warminster

- High demand for employment space and range of key employment areas.
- High dependency on MOD for employment.
- Cross-town traffic problems but good general transport links.
- Poor evening bus services.
- Shortage of town centre parking spaces.
- Environmental and flooding constraints to development.
- Potential impact of high concentrations of water phosphate on River Avon SAC.
- Community facilities approaching capacity.
- Lack of facilities for young people.

Key opportunities in Warminster

- Businesses attracted by good transport links.
- Town centre regeneration could address traffic, parking and retail issues.
- More housing would help improve infrastructure provision.
- Shared leisure facilities offer potential for military and civilian integration.
- Attract more visitors by emphasising landscape features and tourist attractions.
- More employment in town would reduce out-commuting.
- Attractive and successful town centre basis for successful regeneration.

Do you agree with the issues and opportunities that have been identified for Warminster community area?

(Please record your comments on post-it notes and stick them here)

Warminster

How does Wiltshire 2026 expect the local area to change?

Wiltshire 2026 includes these proposals for Warminster community area

Market Town: Warminster: 900 new homes

Smaller villages: Codford and Heytesbury



Anticipated changes in Warminster community area

- Higher levels of housing growth which were historically low.
- More housing will improve services and facilities and strengthen town centre.
- More facilities for young people.
- Public transport improvements.
- Additional employment sites which are needed in town.
- Emerging town centre plan to facilitate regeneration.
- Regeneration will address pedestrian links, parking and retail issues.
- Water phosphate concentrations will need to be addressed.

Future development will support and enhance employment opportunities within the community area and improve services and facilities. Key sites will also be regenerated within Warminster town centre. A broad mix of housing and facilities to meet the needs of all, including young people, will be achieved together with greater integration of the civil and military communities. This, in turn, will enable joint use of sports, education and social facilities. Warminster itself will have close links with the surrounding network of highly attractive villages and countryside, which will support rural economic development and tourism.

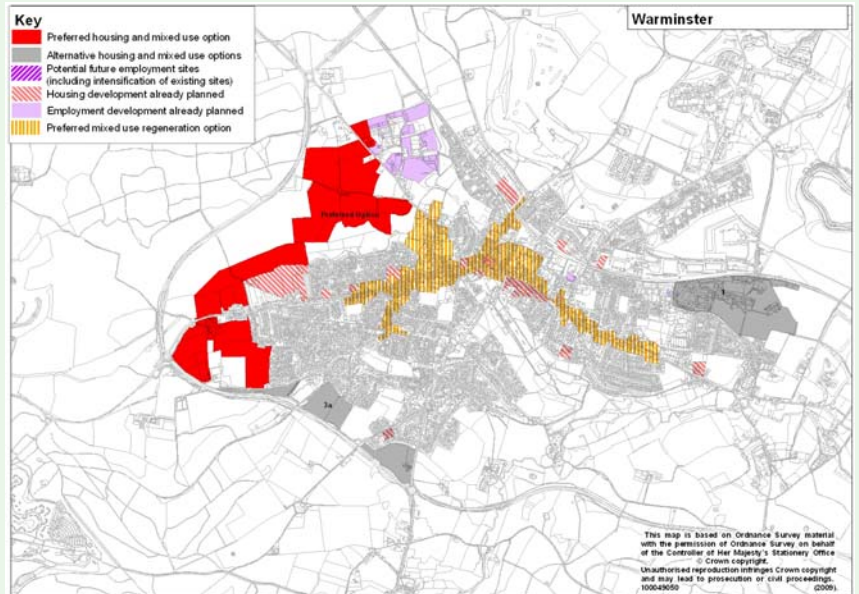
Do you agree with the descriptions of how we expect your community area to change by 2026?

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Warminster

How were development options assessed?

- Identification of sites within broad areas of search around strategically significant towns and market towns.
- Constraints to development mapped (see next board).
- Development of initial options.



- Discussion with infrastructure providers and Wiltshire Council services

Defence Estates	Water	NHS Wiltshire	Electricity
Rail	Police	Fire & Rescue	Gas
Natural England	Ambulance Service	Education Authority	Highways Agency
English Heritage	Telecommunications		Environment Agency
Archaeology	Libraries	Leisure	Play and open space
Highways	Landscape	Rights of Way	Ecology

- Each option was assessed against a set of sustainable development objectives.

Summary SA assessment for strategic site options in Warminster community area:

	1. Biodiversity	2. Land and Soil	3. Waste Management	4. Water Resources	5. Flood Risk	6. Air Quality and Pollution	7. Climatic Factors	8. Historic Environment	9. Landscape	10. Housing	11. Healthy Communities	12. Poverty and Deprivation	13. Community Facilities	14. Education and Skills	15. Transport	16. Economy	17. Employment
Option 1	0	0/-	-	--	0	0/-	--	0	?	++	+	+	+	+/?	+/?	++	++
Option 2	+	-	-	--	?	0/-	--	0	-	++	+	+	+	+/?	+/?	++	++
Option 3	0	-	-	--	0	-	--	0	-	++	?	+	+	0	-	-	-

Key

Significance Assessment	Description
++	Major positive effect.
+	Minor positive effect.
?	Uncertain effect.
0	Neutral effect.
-	Minor adverse effect.
--	Major adverse effect

* (The preferred option contains component parts of Options 2 and 3).

Warminster

The preferred option

The preferred option is located to the north west and west of Warminster.

This option is preferred because it offers the opportunity to develop one coherent urban extension that is well-related to existing and potential employment opportunities and the town centre, potentially increasing the self-containment of Warminster. It also includes a strategic site in the town centre.

The preferred option combines initial Option 2 and parts of Option 3 that could together form a sustainable urban extension in the town. Option 2 in particular is well-related to existing employment sites, at the Warminster Business Park, and transport solutions could be found to serve this option. The location of the county wildlife site between the options offers the opportunity to develop a green corridor covering the county wildlife site and providing a buffer for the River Were. The town centre site offers the opportunity to regenerate Warminster town centre.

A new household waste plant may be allocated near the option and further work needs to be carried out on the possible implications. The water company has stated that there are drainage issues on the site that may need addressing. It is likely that a new primary school will be required.

Do you agree with the proposed development sites?

What could be done to improve this option?

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