

Welcome

Wiltshire Local Plan Review

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Agenda

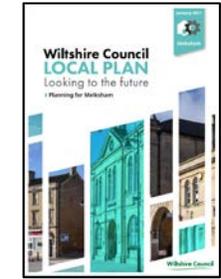
- What is the Local Plan?
- What are we consulting on?
- How will it affect Melksham?
- How to comment & next steps
- Q & A



What is the Local Plan?

- Determines where and how development takes place.
- Planning applications by law are determined in accordance with the Plan '*unless material considerations indicate otherwise*'.
- Current Local Plan is the Wiltshire Core Strategy - it has a plan period of 2006 to 2026
- The Local Plan Review will update this and cover the period 2016 to 2036.
- It must plan positively to meet forecast development needs over this extended time horizon. Most notably it must plan to meet assessed housing needs.

What are we consulting on?



- **Emerging spatial strategy:**

- Additional new homes and employment land needed (2016 to 2036); based on Government requirements and local evidence
- Distribution by main settlements and rural areas
- For rural areas, including number of homes for each Local Service Centre and Large Village (**'Empowering Rural Communities'** document)

- **'Planning for'** document and **Site Selection Report** for each main settlement including level of new growth, place shaping priorities, potential sites

- How planning policies could be shaped to help address **climate change** and support biodiversity net gain

What are we consulting on? (cont.)

- The consultation asks for people's views on three main topics to directly influence Local Plan content **before** it is drafted:
 1. **What should be the future scale of growth?**
 2. **What should be the local priorities for delivering sustainable growth?**
 3. **Where should development take place?**

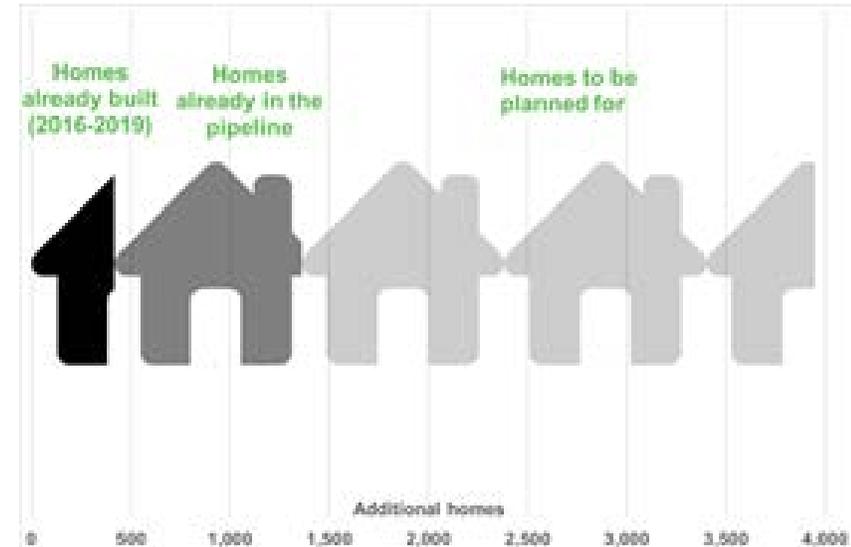
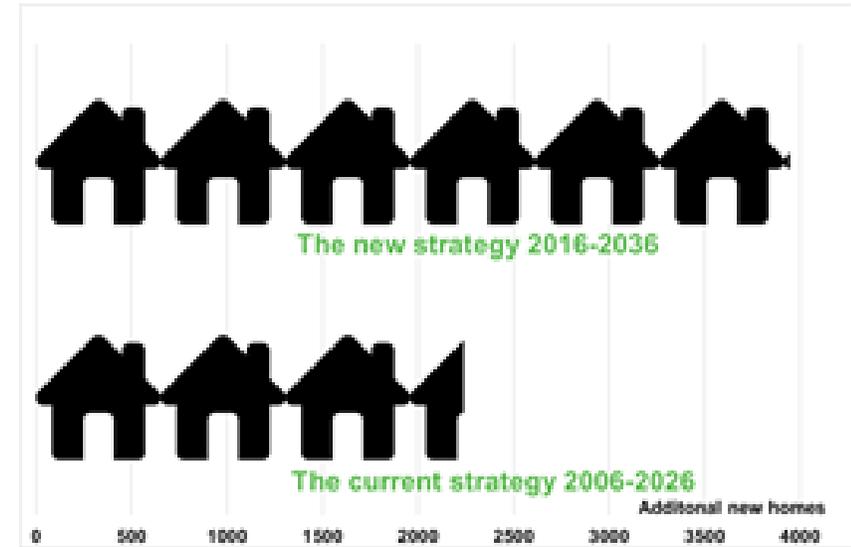
1. What should be the future scale of growth?

- Approximately 45,600 new homes needed over the plan period
- Divided into the forecast need for four housing market areas within the County
- Do we need to change the current plan's pattern of growth within each area?
- 'Alternative Development Strategies'
- Alternatives tested and compared to produce an 'emerging spatial strategy'



Melksham - the future scale of growth

	Wiltshire Core Strategy 2006-2026	Emerging Strategy 2016-2036	Residual at 1 April 2019	Employment land
Melksham	2240	3950	2585	0



Are these scales of growth too high or too low? Why?

2. What should be the local priorities?

- A draft bullet point set of priorities to plan each settlement by
- Priorities establish a joint basis for Local Plan and neighbourhood planning work
- They result from a review of issues in the Wiltshire Core Strategy and from discussions with the local community

Are these the most appropriate place shaping priorities? What needs adding?

Melksham - Place shaping priorities

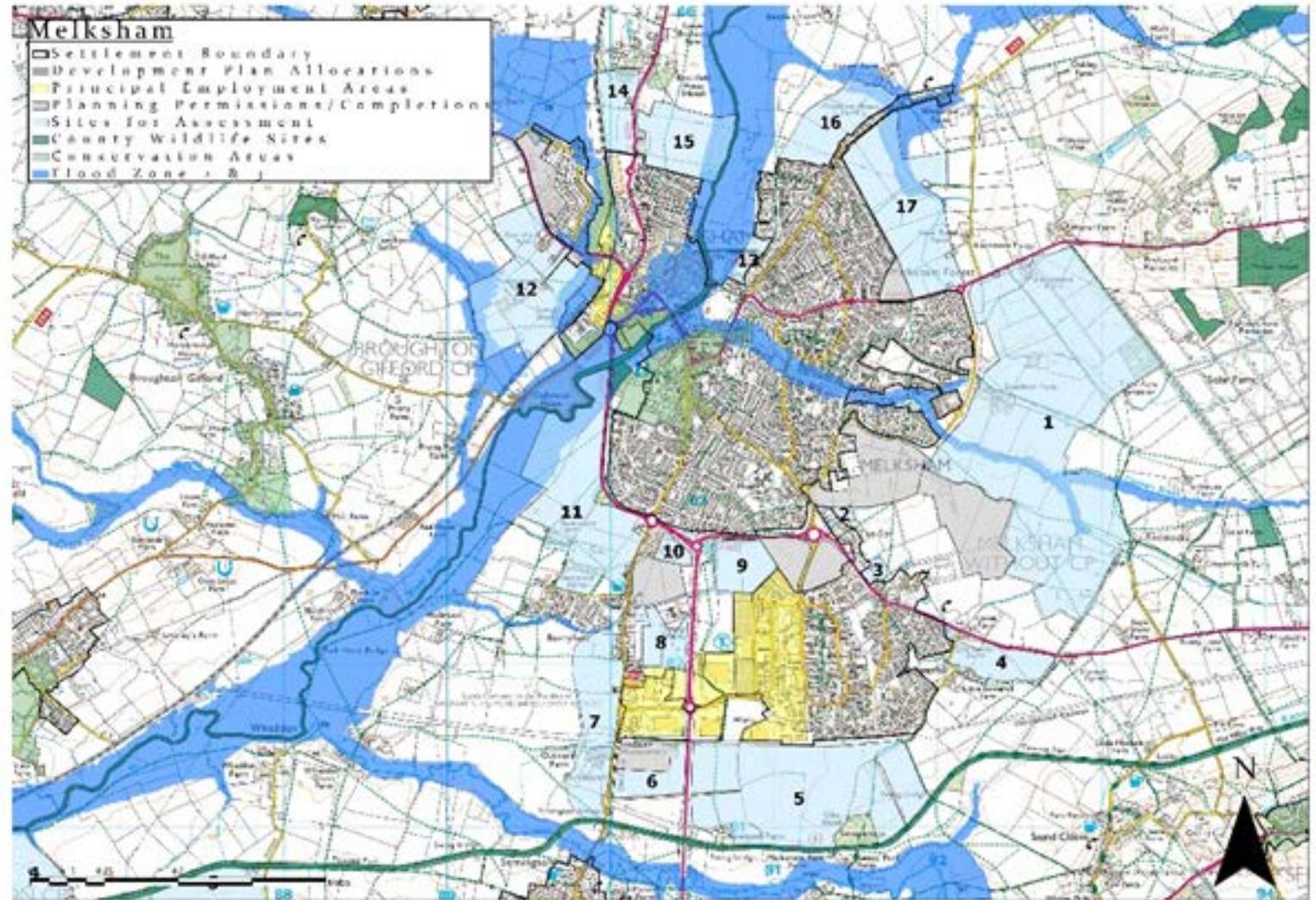
- Ensure **town centre regeneration** through continued investment in the town centre, maximising brownfield land and encouraging employment opportunities
- **Out-commuting** should be reduced through an improved employment offer
- An **A350 bypass** to the town is a priority to improve the efficiency of the transport network and lead to other benefits for the town
- To increase levels of train passenger transport and help reduce traffic congestion, **railway station parking facilities should be improved and extended**
- New development should be accompanied by **sufficient healthcare facilities, schools and transport infrastructure** which have come under increasing pressure in the town
- A **holistic town-wide approach to ensure future education provision** is required with sufficient primary and secondary school places provided to meet the needs of all new housing development
- Continue to **safeguard a future route of the Wilts and Berks canal** and to enable its delivery to provide significant economic, environmental and social benefits for Melksham.

3. Where should development take place?

- **Market Towns:** a pool of possible greenfield development sites
- Principal Settlements (Chippenham, Salisbury and Trowbridge): preferred greenfield sites and concept plans of a potential layout
- All the land promoted for development has been assessed to produce a smaller pool of reasonable alternatives
- A small minority of sites (or parts of) will be selected for development and not all the land shown

Melksham - where development might take place

- Not all these sites (or parts of) will need to be selected for development
- **Which one(s)?**
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of each site?



How can you get involved & next steps?

- All information on the Council's website via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review-consultation
- Comments can be submitted:
 - Online via the above link;
 - By email to: spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk; and
 - Post to: Spatial Planning, Economic Development and Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JQ.
- People with no internet access can contact Spatial Planning Officers on 0300 456 0100 for help with obtaining hard copies
- Comments received will help shape the draft Local Plan, which will be prepared for consultation late 2021

Questions



Over to you...

- We want to hear your views - thank you for getting involved, please submit your comments by **9 March 2021** via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review-consultation
- Consultation also taking place on the proposed scope and content of the **Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document**
 - will address permanent and temporary accommodation needs of Wiltshire's travelling community up to 2036 including identification of sites
 - seeks views on level of need and approach to identifying sites
- See <http://wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers> for more information