

Welcome

Wiltshire Local Plan Review

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Consultation to inform the Wiltshire Local Plan Review

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Agenda

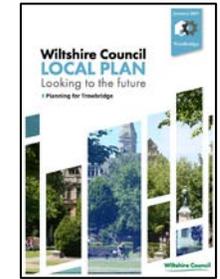
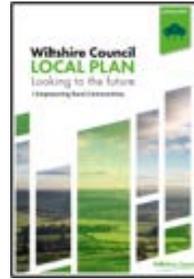
- What is the Local Plan?
- What are we consulting on?
- How will it affect rural areas?
- How to comment & next steps
- Q & A



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)
- Distribution of a scale of growth to main settlements and rural areas (**'Planning for ...'** and site selection reports for main settlements)

- **Empowering Rural Communities:**

- meeting local housing needs
- housing requirements for Local Service Centres and Large Villages
- supporting neighbourhood planning

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

Meeting local housing needs

- A new 'rural chapter' to the Plan to include (amongst other topics):
 - One policy for all 'community-led housing schemes' (20 dwellings and no greater than 5% of settlement size)
 - One target for a share of affordable homes
 - Controlling dwelling sizes
 - More support for local housing needs surveys

Housing requirements - the scale of growth

- Approximately 45,600 new homes needed for Wiltshire over the plan period (2016 to 2036)
- Divided into the forecast need for four housing market areas within the County
- Distributed by main settlement and rural area for each housing market area
- For rural area - housing requirements for each neighbourhood area designation



Housing requirements - national policy context

National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 65):

*“Strategic policy-making authorities should establish a housing requirement figure for their whole area... Within this overall requirement, strategic policies should also set out a **housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development** and any relevant allocations. Once the strategic policies have been adopted, these figures should not need re-testing at the neighbourhood plan examination, unless there has been a significant change in circumstances that affects the requirement.”*

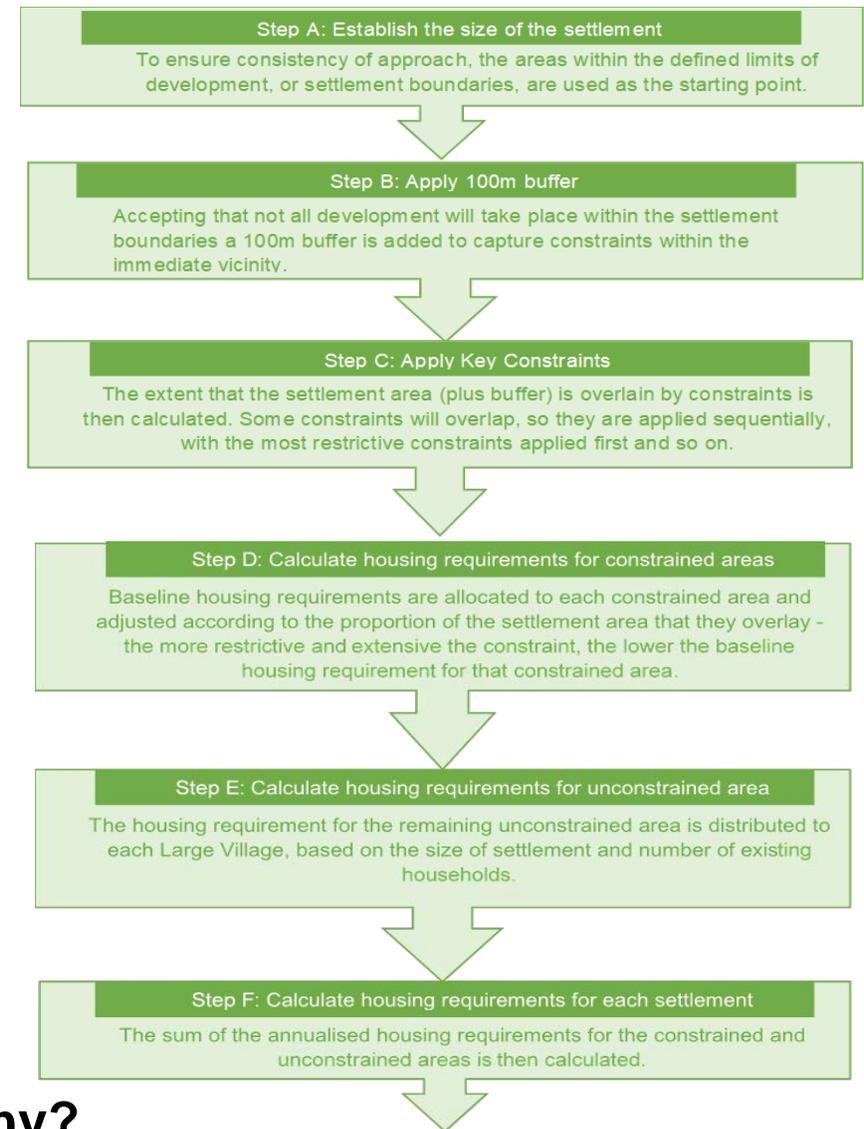
Rural housing requirements - an overview

HMA	Rural Area	Local Service Centres	Large Villages	Elsewhere
Chippenham	2,805	100	1,435	1,270
Salisbury	2,540	1,070	880	590
Swindon	1,080	530	540	10
Trowbridge	950	0	655	295

Housing requirements - Local Service Centres & Large Villages

- Scale of growth apportioned to each Local Service Centre and Large Village by:
 - Size of settlement
 - Level of constraints
- Scale of growth would be the basis for housing requirements for neighbourhood area designations
- Small villages have no strategic requirement

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



Location of development

Housing requirements at **Local Service Centres** and **Large Villages** will be met by:

- Existing planning permissions and plan allocations that have not yet been implemented
- Sites within settlement boundaries
- Exception and Community-led Schemes in accordance with Core Policy 44
- Site allocations in the development plan

Site allocations generally to be made in Neighbourhood Plans

Where not the case, it may be necessary for the Council to allocate sites - a review of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan?

Location of development (cont.)

At **Small Villages** development limited to infill within the existing built Area (as current policy), where:

- i) Respects the existing character and form of the settlement
- ii) Does not elongate the village or impose development in sensitive landscape areas
- iii) Does not consolidate an existing sporadic loose knit areas of development

And...

- Exception and Community-led Schemes in accordance with Revised Core Policy 44

Neighbourhood Planning

- Made neighbourhood plans are **not** out of date or ‘invalidated’
- **Made** Neighbourhood Plans: Consider the need for review and the scope of a review. What parts need amending. It is **not** ‘back to square one or starting again’
- Neighbourhood Plans **in preparation**: extend the plan horizon, address Local Plan requirements for new homes and evidence of local need for particular types of homes

How can you get involved?

- 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 to contact Spatial Planning Officers on 0300 456 0100 for help with hard copies
- Comments received will help shape the draft Local Plan, which will be prepared for consultation late 2021

Questions



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Over to you...

- We want to hear your views - thank you for getting involved, please submit your comments by 9 March 2021 (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