

Adopted Local Plan - Appendix I

Glossary of terms

Affordable Housing

Housing built specifically for people with local connections who are unable to compete in the local housing market, and which is managed to ensure that the benefits of low cost provision pass to subsequent occupants.

Areas of High Ecological Value

Areas considered by Wiltshire County Council in their Landscape Local plan to be of ecological importance. They may include Sites of Special Scientific Interest and National Nature Reserves. These may be replaced with Areas of Prime Biodiversity in future versions of the Local Plan.

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Areas of particularly attractive appearance designated by the Countryside Commission in order to conserve the natural beauty of the landscape.

Article 4 Direction

Withdraws permitted development rights for a particular area, and makes it necessary to apply to the Local Planning Authority for permission.

Backland Development

Development without a road frontage which lies to the rear of other development. This is not necessarily objectionable but will depend on the particular circumstances of the site and the proposal.

Bulky Goods

Those goods which require a large amount of display space due to the large size of items, or are, by virtue of their size, shape and weight, difficult to carry easily. These types of goods include for example bulky electrical goods, furniture, floor coverings, motor vehicles, and large DIY and/or garden goods. Non bulky items may be sold from these developments but they will only be acceptable where they form a small and ancillary part of the store's operation. The Council will use a figure of up to 1/3 of its operation, in terms of floorspace and turnover as a guideline. Bulky goods do not include small items which, as part of a store's operation, are sold in bulk.

Conservation Areas

Areas designated by local authorities, usually within settlements but which may embrace other land which contributes to their setting, which have a special architectural or historic character and which are considered to be worthy of preservation and enhancement.

Development

The erection of buildings, change of use of buildings or land, or engineering or mining operations, in, on or under land which requires planning permission.

English Heritage (Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England)

Established in April 1984, English Heritage has three main functions in England:

1. to secure the preservation of ancient monuments and historic buildings;
2. to promote the preservation and enhancement of Conservation Areas; and
3. to promote the public enjoyment of ancient monuments and historic building

Housing Policy Boundary

Boundary within which limited housing development will, in principle, be acceptable subject to the provisions of the Local Plan.

Housing Restraint Area

Area which derives its character from its open, informal, or irregular loose knit pattern of development and within which new housing development is unlikely to be acceptable.

Important Open Space

Open area within a Housing Policy Boundary which contributes to the visual quality of the surrounding area and will be protected from development.

Infilling

The filling up of a small gap in an otherwise built up frontage.

Listed Buildings

Buildings listed by the Secretary of State for the Environment as being of special architectural or historic interest.

Local Plan

A statutory document which elaborates the broad policies and proposals set out in the Structure Plan.

Local Planning Authority

For the purposes of this Local Plan, Salisbury District Council is the Local Planning Authority. It should be noted, however that for minerals, waste and larger transport proposals, the County Council is deemed the relevant Local Planning Authority.

National Nature Reserves

Areas designated by the English Nature to conserve key areas of wildlife habitats and their communities of plants and animals.

Permitted Development

Certain classes of development are given a general permission by the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, and may be carried out without the specific permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPGs)

Published by the Department of the Environment, PPGs provide concise and practical guidance on national planning policies in simpler form than government circulars. The Secretaries of State and their inspectors have regard to this guidance in dealing with appeals and "called in" planning applications, and the Secretaries of State expect Local Planning Authorities to have regard to it in the exercise of their planning functions.

Schedule of Ancient Monuments

Buildings or other structures of national importance which are scheduled under the Ancient Monuments Acts.

Settlement

A distinct and visually cohesive group of dwellings, which may also comprise other forms of development.

Shopping Developments

Although mainly areas of retail activity, they may include uses other than those within Use Class A1 (shops), but which will generally be found in shopping areas and which are defined in Classes A2 (financial and professional services) and A3 (food and drink) of the 1987 Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Areas designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, which because of their geology, vegetation, wildlife or other ecological characteristics, English Nature considers to be of importance.

Special Area of Conservation

Designated under the European Habitats Directive. These are areas of land comprising habitats, and supporting species, which are rare in a European context and are subject to special protection from the time they are first identified as candidate sites. They are also designated as SSSIs (see above) under national legislation.

Special Landscape Area

Areas identified by the Structure Plan and defined in detail in the Wiltshire Landscape Local Plan as being of high landscape quality sufficiently attractive to justify the adoption of particular development control policies or other safeguarding measures.

Special Protection Area

An internationally important site for birds, designated by the Secretary of State for the Environment under the terms of the European Community Directive 79/409/EEC on the Conservation of Wild Birds. Once designated, the Government is obliged to take steps to avoid any significant pollution, disturbance, or the deterioration of the habitats on the site.

Special Restraint Area

An area of outstanding and unspoilt nature where new residential development will not be allowed.

Structure Plan

A statutory document which sets out Wiltshire County Council's and Swindon Unitary Authority's policies and general proposals in respect of development and other use of land in the County.

Tandem Development

Consists on one house immediately behind another and sharing the same access. This form of development is generally unsatisfactory because of the difficulties of access to the house at the back, and the disturbance and lack of privacy suffered by the house in front.

World Heritage Site

A site of international importance proposed by the British Government under the 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and accepted by UNESCO, and to the protection of which the Government is specifically committed under that Convention