

## **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004**

### **The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 19)**

### **The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004**

#### **Notice of Publication of the draft Wiltshire Local Plan**

Notice is hereby given that Wiltshire Council has published the draft Wiltshire Local Plan (“the draft Plan”) which is a Development Plan Document, for a formal 8-week consultation period beginning on **Wednesday 27 September 2023**, during which representations can be made.

Following consultation, the Council will register and consider the comments received before submitting the draft Plan to the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities.

The draft Plan has been informed by consultations that took place between 2017 and 2021 and is a review of the current Wiltshire Core Strategy, building on existing objectives and spatial strategy to address Wiltshire’s needs for new homes, jobs and infrastructure over the period 2020 to 2038. It includes proposals for new allocations for housing and employment. In preparing the draft Plan, existing Wiltshire Core Strategy policies and those retained from the former district councils have been reviewed and either deleted or incorporated and/or updated into the draft Plan. If adopted the draft Plan will form part of the development plan for Wiltshire and guide decisions on future development.

The proposed submission documents include: the draft Plan, the draft Sustainability Appraisal report (incorporating requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004), the draft Habitat Regulations Assessment and a number of other supporting documents. In line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement the consultation period allows for comments to also be made on its draft Sustainability Appraisal report.

The period for submitting representations relating to the draft Plan begins **9am Wednesday 27 September 2023** and lasts for 8 weeks, closing at **5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2023**. Representations received beyond this date may not be considered. A statement of the representations procedure (guidance note) explaining how to comment can be viewed alongside the proposed submission documents. Please note that copies of all comments (including your personal details) will be made available for the public to view, and therefore cannot be treated as confidential. Anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

The proposed submission documents can be viewed at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan) and during normal office hours at the Council’s main offices: Monkton Park (Chippenham), Bourne Hill (Salisbury) and County Hall (Trowbridge).

The following documents: the draft Plan; the draft Sustainability Appraisal Report (incorporating requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004) and; the draft Habitat Regulations Assessment, will be made available to view at the following libraries during normal opening hours: Amesbury, Bradford on Avon, Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Devizes, Malmesbury, Marlborough, Melksham, Pewsey, Royal Wootton Bassett, Salisbury, Tidworth, Tisbury, Trowbridge, Warminster, and Westbury.

Electronic access to all submission documents will be available at all Wiltshire Council libraries.

Representations can be submitted via the following means:

- online via the Council's consultation portal accessible via this link: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan)
- by email using the form available at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan) and returned to [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk); or
- by post in writing to: Spatial Planning, Planning Directorate, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

The form has an accompanying statement of the representations procedure (guidance note) to assist in its completion. Please use a separate form for each representation you wish to make.

Any representation may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address (email/postal) of any of the following: that the draft Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination; that the Inspector's Report (including any recommendations) into the draft Plan has been published; and that the draft Plan has been adopted.

There will be a live webinar on Tuesday 10 October at 6:30pm to 8:00pm and 16 drop-in events held around the county where you can ask questions and gain further information about the consultation. More information on these events can be found at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan).

If you require more information or would like to request copies of documents, please contact Spatial Planning via email ([spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk)), phone (01225 713223) or post to Spatial Planning, Planning Directorate, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN. Please note that there will be a fee for providing any documents requested.

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