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Economic Development and Planning  
Wiltshire Council  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## Help shape Wiltshire's plans to 2036

The Council is reviewing the Wiltshire Core Strategy adopted in January 2015 which identifies land for development for the period to 2026. A review is required as the Government encourages local planning authorities to review their Local Plans every five years, and in order to prepare the review in good time, it is necessary to commence work now. Following consideration of draft papers by Wiltshire Council's Cabinet on 10 October 2017 a consultation on the scope and content of the review is to start early November 2017. In the consultation we will be seeking the views of the local community on the issues the Council should consider in order to now plan for the period to 2036.

In advance of the start of the consultation we are writing to all parish and town councils to invite them to a briefing about the consultation. The briefing will explain the purpose of the consultation, the proposed approach to joint working with Swindon Borough Council and the conclusions of joint evidence papers commissioned on housing and employment needs. There will also be a discussion on the relationship of the review to neighbourhood planning. The event will be an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the process and how parish and town councils can become involved to inform how development is planned over the period to 2036.

In Wiltshire briefings are planned in four venues on different dates in November.

Town	Venue	Date in 2017	Please register by:
Trowbridge	Cotswolds Space, County Hall	Monday 13 November	8 November
Chippenham	Monkton Park	Thursday 16 November	13 November
Royal Wootton Bassett	Memorial Hall	Monday 20 November	15 November
Salisbury	Salisbury City Hall, Alamein Suite	Thursday 30 November	20 November

The agenda for each briefing will be the same. The event will take place between 6.30 and 8pm and commence with a briefing about the consultation followed by a period for discussion. Please arrive from 6pm to allow a prompt start at 6.30pm.

To help manage the event attendees must register their attendance in advance with the Council by the dates shown above. To do this please e-mail [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk) or phone 01225 713223. Please note that attendance is restricted to two representatives from each parish or town council. An additional place is available if you would like to also invite a representative of your local neighbourhood plan steering group where a neighbourhood plan is being prepared.

An additional briefing is being held in Swindon at the Sir Daniel Gooch Theatre, STEAM on Thursday 16 November 2017. Please note that this event will start at 6pm. The first part of the evening will follow the same format as the events planned in Wiltshire. For further information please contact Swindon Borough Council on 01793 466425 or e-mail [kphimister@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:kphimister@swindon.gov.uk).

Please be aware that this invitation is being sent out ahead of the start of the consultation on the scope of the local plan review to provide you with advance notice of the dates for the briefings. The consultation material will become available on the Council's web site on Tuesday 7 November 2017, which is the start date for the consultation. You will receive further information about the consultation closer to that time including information on how to submit your comments.

Should you require further information about the Wiltshire events please:

- phone spatial planning on 01225 713223
- email [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Yours Faithfully



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