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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 requires the council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The Wiltshire LDS identifies the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) prioritised for production by Wiltshire Council and the timetable for their preparation that will, when complete, together with other adopted documents, comprise the Local Plan for Wiltshire. It also sets out neighbourhood plans that form part of the development plan for Wiltshire as well as those at an advanced stage of preparation.
- 1.2 The LDS is required to be kept up to date and was last reviewed in March 2025 which responded to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government's request for Local Planning Authorities to review and update their LDS no later than 6 March 2025 in the light of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024) and transitional arrangements. That review anticipated a further update once details of the new plan making system were published and progress could be made on the timetable for reviewing the minerals and waste plan and a new Local Plan timetable brought into the LDS to respond to the standard method housing figure. Whilst details of the new plan making system are yet to be published, with a further update to the LDS required once this information is available, this review updates the timetables for the Local Plan review to reflect progress made with the examination and the Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document to ensure compliance with national policy.
- 1.3 The LDS does not include a timetable for the preparation of individual neighbourhood plans as the timing and delivery of these are the responsibility of the 'qualifying bodies' which, in Wiltshire, is generally the parish councils. However, the LDS does provide a summary of those plans that have been made, and which now form part of the development plan and identifies those that have progressed significantly to at least submission stage at end August 2025.

2. Wiltshire Development Plan

Existing Development Plan

- 2.1 Section 38 (6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act and Section 70 (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 state that planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The development plan comprises DPDs prepared by Wiltshire Council as local planning authority and made (adopted) Neighbourhood Plans prepared by parish and town councils within Wiltshire. Policies within the documents listed in Table 1 and 2 below currently form the development plan for Wiltshire (and

Swindon¹).

- 2.2 The Wiltshire Core Strategy replaced many of the ‘saved’ policies within the former North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011, the Kennet Local Plan 2011, the West Wiltshire District Plan First Alteration 2011 and the Salisbury Local Plan 2011, as well as some policies within the West Wiltshire Leisure and Recreation DPD. The remaining extant policies from these documents are listed at Appendix D of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and these will be replaced as part of the Local Plan Review.

Table 1: Wiltshire Development Plan - Development Plan Documents, September 2025

Document	Area Covered	Status
Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan (adopted February 2020)	Wiltshire Council area (excluding Principal Settlement of Chippenham)	Current policy. Sets out additional site allocations for housing across Wiltshire to improve supply in the plan period to 2026. In addition, the document addresses settlement boundaries.
Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (adopted May 2017)	Chippenham (Principal Settlement)	Current policy. Sets out the sites and details of development to accommodate strategic growth options for Chippenham in accordance with Core Policy 10 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2015)	Wiltshire Council	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of Wiltshire and strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision setting out principles of development for the county to 2026,
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations Local Plan (adopted February 2013)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Presents a framework of sites to accommodate future waste management uses and facilities for the period up to 2026

¹ Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council prepared minerals and waste local plans on a joint basis

Document	Area Covered	Status
Wiltshire and Swindon Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan (adopted 2013)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Identifies seven sites for future sand and gravel working for the period up to 2026
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies DPD (adopted September 2009)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out generic policies to assist in determining planning applications for waste development.
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Development Control Policies DPD (adopted September 2009)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out generic policies to assist in determining planning applications for minerals development.
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (adopted June 2009)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy covering waste provision up to 2026 including the strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision.
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)	Wiltshire Council area and Swindon Borough	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy covering minerals provision up to 2026 including the strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision.
West Wiltshire Leisure and Recreation DPD (adopted February 2009)	Former West Wiltshire district area	Provides additional recreational policies for the West Wiltshire area for the period up until 2016. Certain policies have been replaced by Wiltshire Core Strategy. Remaining policies are 'saved' and will be replaced by policies in future DPDs.
North Wiltshire Local Plan (adopted April 2006)	Former North Wiltshire district area	Certain policies continue to be 'saved' until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.

Document	Area Covered	Status
Kennet Local Plan 2011 (adopted June 2004)	Former Kennet district area	Certain policies continue to be 'saved' until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
West Wiltshire District Plan First Alteration 2011 (adopted June 2004)	Former West Wiltshire district area	Certain policies continue to be saved until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
Salisbury Local Plan 2011 (adopted June 2003)	Former Salisbury district area	Certain policies continue to be saved until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan (adopted November 2001)	Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough	One saved policy (Policy 35: Preferred Areas for Sharp Sand and Gravel) remains extant.

Table 2: Wiltshire Development Plan - Made Neighbourhood Plans, August 2025

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan 2 Made August 2025	Melsham and Melksham Without Parishes	Covers the period 2020 to 2038
Parish of Brinkworth with Grittenham Neighbourhood Development Plan Made July 2025	Brinkworth Parish	Covers the period 2024 to 2038
Bratton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Made July 2025	Bratton Parish	Covers the period 2025 to 2038
Sutton Benger and Draycot Cerne Neighbourhood Development Plan Made March 2025	Sutton Benger Parish	Covers the period 2020 to 2035

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Semington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Made March 2025	Semington Parish	Covers the period 2023 to 2038
Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2 Made March 2025	Calne and Calne Without Parishes	Covers the period 2023 to 2038
Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Made March 2025	Salisbury Parish	Covers the period 2020 to 2038
Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2024	Chippenham Parish	Covers the period 2023 to 2038
Oaksey Neighbourhood Plan (First Review) Made May 2024	Oaksey Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2038
Westbury Neighbourhood Plan Made March 2024	Westbury Parish	Covers the period 2022 to 2036
Chippenham Without Neighbourhood Plan Made October 2023	Chippenham Without Parish	Covers the period 2022 to 2036
Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan Made March 2023	Marlborough, Mildenhall and Saveranke Parishes	Covers the period 2021 to 2036
Aldbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Made March 2023	Aldbourn Parish	Covers the period 2021 to 2036

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Preshute Neighbourhood Plan Made February 2023	Preshute Parish	Covers the period 2021 to 2036
Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan Made October 2022	Laverstock Parish	Covers the period 2021 to 2036
West Dean and West Tytherley Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2022	West Dean and West Tytherley Parishes	Covers the period 2022 to 2035
Colerne Neighbourhood Plan Made March 2022	Colerne Parish	Covers the period 2021 to 2036
Lyneham and Bradenstoke Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2021	Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish	Covers the period 2020 to 2030
The Southwick Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2021	Southwick Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2036
Broad Chalke Neighbourhood Plan Made July 2021	Broad Chalke Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2026
West Ashton Neighbourhood Development Plan Made June 2021	West Ashton Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
Crudwell Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Crudwell Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2026

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Hindon Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2021	Hindon Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2036
Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Lydiard Millicent Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2036
Market Lavington Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2021	Market Lavington Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
North Bradley Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	North Bradley Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
Seagry Parish Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Seagry Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2036
Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Seend Parish	Covers the period 2020 to 2030
The Winterbournes Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Winterbourne Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2036
Tockenham Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2021	Tockenham Parish	Covers the period 2019 to 2026
Corsham Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2019	Corsham Town	Covers the period 2016 to 2026

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Made November 2019	Parishes of Tisbury and West Tisbury	Covers the period 2019 to 2036
Hullavington Neighbourhood Development Plan Made September 2019	Hullavington Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Chirton and Conock Neighbourhood Plan Made August 2019	Chirton and Conock Parish	Covers the period 2018 to 2026
West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan Made June 2019	West Lavington Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2019	Sherston Parish	Covers the period 2006 to 2026
Hilperton Neighbourhood Development Plan Made November 2018	Hilperton Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Purton Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2018	Purton Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Burbage Neighbourhood Development Plan Made July 2018	Burbage Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Development Plan Made April 2018	Royal Wootton Bassett Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Christian Malford Neighbourhood Development Plan Made March 2018	Christian Malford Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2035
Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan Made March 2018	Cricklade Parish	Covers the period up to 2026
Bremhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Made February 2018	Bremhill Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2030
Wootton Rivers Neighbourhood Development Plan Made January 2018	Wootton Rivers Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Great Somerford (incorporating Startley) Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2017	Great Somerford Parish including Startley	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Bradford-on-Avon Neighbourhood Plan Made October 2017	Bradford-on-Avon Parish	Covers the period 2013 to 2026
Langley Burrell Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2017	Langley Burrell Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2017	Ashton Keynes Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Idmiston Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Made April 2017	Idmiston Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026

Document	Area covered	Plan period
Urchfont, Wedhampton and Lydeway Neighbourhood Plan Made April 2017	Urchfont Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Downton Neighbourhood Plan Made January 2017	Downton Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Holt Neighbourhood Plan Made January 2017	Holt Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Potterne Neighbourhood Plan Made January 2017	Potterne Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Warminster Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2016	Warminster Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026.
Compton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan Made May 2016	Compton Bassett Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2030
Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan Made December 2015	Devizes Town and Bishops Cannings Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan Made November 2015	Freshford and Limpley Stoke Parishes	Covers the period 2014 to 2039
Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2015	Pewsey Parish	Covers the period 2006 to 2026
Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan Made February 2015	Malmesbury Town, St Paul Malmesbury Without and Brokenborough Parishes	Covers the period 2014 to 2026

Development plan documents in preparation

- 2.2 The development plan documents (DPDs) that are under preparation are summarised in Table 3, with more detailed information in Appendix A and a summary of the overall programme in Section 3. The anticipated adoption dates are provided below.

Table 3: Development Plan Documents in preparation

Document	Area Covered	Anticipated Adoption	Comments
Wiltshire Local Plan review DPD	Wiltshire Council area	Quarter 2, 2026	<p>A review and roll forward of the strategy for housing and employment delivery in the Wiltshire Core Strategy, as well as updates to housing and employment requirements for the period 2020 to 2038 and to maintain consistency with national planning policy.</p> <p>It reviews extant policies set out in the Wiltshire Core Strategy to assist in the determination of planning applications, a key area being a review of all remaining saved policies from previous district local plans, policies for town centres and recreation.</p>
Gypsies and Travellers DPD	Wiltshire Council area	Quarter 2, 2027	<p>This document will be informed by a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, which identifies needs and will make provision, including through site allocations, to meet identified needs. It will focus on a review of Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy 47 'Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers'.</p>

- 2.3 The **Wiltshire Local Plan review DPD** will provide the strategic context for development up to 2038 and determine the level and location for future plan-led growth. It will include the allocation of a range of sites to meet the identified need for homes and jobs, a review of existing development management policies, and strategic guidance for the preparation of neighbourhood plans.
- 2.4 The scope of the Plan is explained further in the Wiltshire Local Plan review document profile at **Appendix A**. The scope of the review excludes the needs of Gypsies and Travellers, which is being addressed through a separate DPD. The timetable for the

Local Plan reflects the additional stage of consultation undertaken in early 2021 that built on the targeted consultation undertaken during 2019. The 2021 consultation sought views on an emerging spatial strategy (the scale and distribution of growth across the County), preferred sites at the three Principal Settlements, pool of sites at the market towns, as well as planning for the rural areas and how climate change matters should be addressed in the plan. Subsequently, the Regulation 19 consultation was undertaken on the draft Wiltshire Local Plan review, which completed on 22 November 2023. A high level of response to the Regulation 19 consultation totalling more than 10,000 individual comments from the local community and other stakeholders was received, which led to additional work being undertaken prior to submission. The Plan was submitted for examination on 28 November 2024 and Stage 1 hearing sessions have been completed, with further hearing sessions proposed autumn 2025. See the [Wiltshire Local Plan Review web pages](#) and [Wiltshire Local Plan Examination web pages](#) for further information.

- 2.5 In the light of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) and the Council's monitoring of provision, a separate **Gypsies and Travellers DPD** is being prepared rather than incorporating Gypsies and Travellers needs into the wider Local Plan review. Whilst it was intended that this Plan would be progressed ahead of the wider Local Plan, there had been limited sites put forward through the call for site process which delayed progress and led to the need to update the GTAA to ensure it presented the most up-to-date evidence. The DPD focuses on Core Policy 47 of the Core Strategy. For clarification, the accommodation needs of persons residing in houseboats is considered through the preparation of the Wiltshire Local Plan review².
- 2.6 Consultation was undertaken on the Gypsies and Travellers Plan alongside consultation on the Wiltshire Local Plan review in early 2021. Subsequently, Regulation 19 consultation was undertaken, which completed on 4 October 2024. Cabinet endorsed the Plan for submission at their meeting on 4 February 2025, subject to Full Council approval. The Council is now undertaking further work on the Plan to ensure compliance with changes in national planning policy, including transitional arrangements in the National Planning Policy Framework and revised definition of travellers in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (December 2024), and consider responses to the 2024 Regulation 19 consultation. The revised timeline for the Plan is set out in Figure 1 and Appendix A. See the [Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document](#) web pages for further information.

Joint Working with Neighbouring Authorities

- 2.7 In accordance with Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) neighbouring local authorities must engage with each other constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in any process by means of which development plan documents are prepared. This is termed the 'duty to cooperate'.

² As per 1985 Housing Act (as amended)

- 2.8 As set out in previous LDSs, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) advises that strategic policy-making authorities should “*maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these*” (paragraph 28). The accompanying Planning Practice Guidance outlines what a Statement of Common Ground should contain and explains that it should be “*maintained on an on-going basis throughout the plan making process*”.
- 2.9 The Wiltshire Local Plan Review originally, in 2017, included a commitment to the preparation of a Joint Spatial Framework in co-operation with Swindon Borough Council for the combined area of Swindon and Wiltshire. However, following changes to the National Planning Policy Framework in 2019, a Joint Spatial Framework was no longer considered necessary, and a Statement of Common Ground was agreed in March 2020 between Wiltshire and Swindon Borough Councils to confirm this.
- 2.10 Wiltshire Council continues to work closely with Swindon Borough Council and, where relevant, a number of other neighbouring local authorities, with ongoing discussions relating to agreed strategic cross boundary matters to understand the implications of planning for growth in our respective areas. These cross-boundary discussions are reflected in Statements of Common Ground as appropriate to identify how strategic priorities³ have, where necessary, been identified and addressed through the duty to cooperate to support the Local Plan.

Plan-making reforms - new plan-making system

- 2.11 The December 2022 LDS set out details of a proposed review of the policies within the jointly prepared Minerals and Waste DPDs to identify whether existing policies need to be amended or replaced, particularly in terms of their continued conformity with national policy. The government subsequently made progress on reforms to the local plan-making system through the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.
- 2.12 The March 2024 LDS set out the expectation that the Council would be required to start work on new **style minerals and waste plans** from mid-2025. However, the change in Government in July 2024 has delayed the roll-out of the new plan-making process and the Government is in the process of preparing regulations, and additional policy and guidance to support the implementation of the new plan making system. The Government announced late February 2025⁴ that it will be developing more definitive proposals for a phased roll out of local plans.

- 2.13 The council is committed to bringing forward new policy for minerals and waste and

³ Section 19(1B) – (1E) Planning and Compulsory Act 2004 (as amended)

⁴ [Government response to the proposed plan-making reforms: consultation on implementation - GOV.UK](#)

will address this when further information is available regarding the new plan making system.

- 2.14 The transitional arrangements in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), published December 2024, set out the expectation that as the Wiltshire Local Plan review (see above) is proceeding under transitional arrangements and the “*housing requirement in the plan to be adopted meets less than 80% of local housing need* [as calculated using the standard method in national planning practice guidance]” work will need to begin on a new plan under the new system to address the shortfall in housing need (paragraph 236, NPPF) that looks ahead for at least 15 years following adoption of the Plan in line with the NPPF as soon as possible. With the details of the new plan-making system still emerging, it is anticipated that the next version of this LDS will include a timetable for a **new Local Plan**.

Emerging Neighbourhood Plans

- 2.15 Neighbourhood planning is popular across Wiltshire. At the end August 2025, around 90 Neighbourhood Areas have been formally designated for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan; and 59 plans within Wiltshire had been ‘made’ (adopted). These are listed in Table 2 above together with a Community Right to Build Order in Cherhill.
- 2.16 The following neighbourhood development plans are at an advanced stage of preparation having been submitted to Wiltshire Council for consultation and examination (they have reached the Regulation 16 stage of plan preparation or beyond)⁵. Following successful examination and referendum, neighbourhood plans can be ‘made’ at which point they will also form part of the development plan for Wiltshire:
- Draft Dilton Marsh Neighbourhood Development Plan 2020 to 2038 (referendum to be held on 25 September 2025)
 - Draft Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan Edition 2 2024 to 2038 (referendum to be held on 23rd October 2025)
 - Draft Coombe Bissett and Homington Neighbourhood Plan 2023 to 2038 (at examination)
 - Draft Modified Purton Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025 to 2040 (at examination)

⁵ Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to as soon as possible after receiving a plan proposal to publicise the plan on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the proposal to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area and include details on how to make representations on the plan over a period not less than 6 weeks.

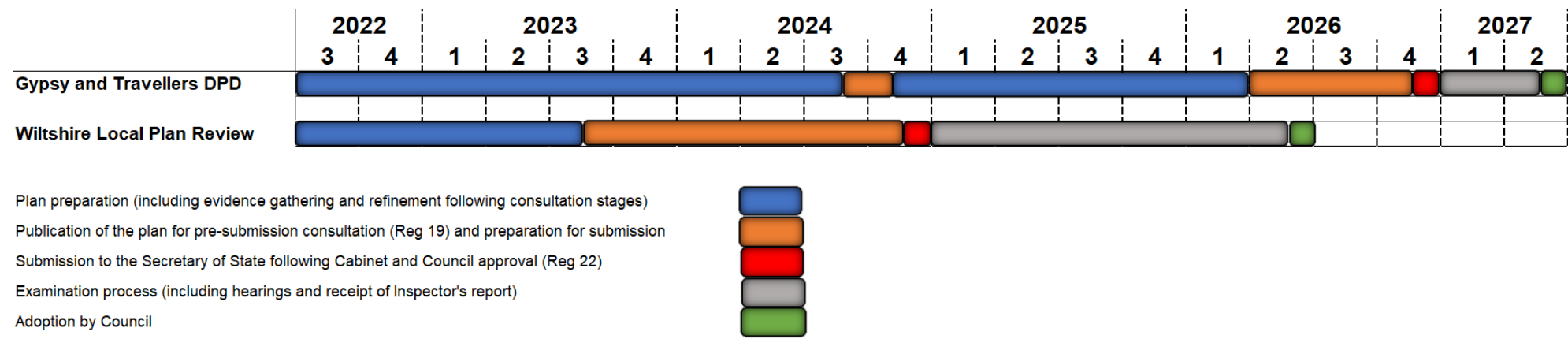
3. Overall programme for development plan document preparation

- 3.1 The overall programme for the preparation of DPDs, including significant milestones, is summarised in the following chart. **Appendix A** includes profiles for each document.
- 3.2 Each DPD document follows a similar process:
- (i) Public consultation on the scope of plan
 - (ii) Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation)
 - (iii) Publication of the plan for pre-submission consultation (i.e. before submission to the Secretary of State) and preparation for submission
 - (iv) Submission to the Secretary of State
 - (v) Examination (including hearings and receipt of Inspector's report)
 - (vi) Adoption
- 3.3 An important milestone for each document is the point at which the document is submitted to the Secretary of State. Critical to maintaining progress in relation to each document is the role of Cabinet and Full Council. Cabinet provides Member approval to progress key stages of plan preparation and authorise consultation procedures. Full Council is required to approve a DPD for submission to the Secretary of State and finally adopt the plan as required by the Council's constitution and legislative requirements.
- 3.4 Following submission, which is the start of the examination process, the timeline at that point is generally in the hands of the Inspector appointed to examine the plan. The examination stage closes with the submission of a report at which time the council will consider the Inspector's recommendations before adopting the plan.

Governance and Risk assessment

- 3.5 Risk assessment will be undertaken during the LDS period by senior managers and will consider mitigation and contingency measures that may need to be implemented to ensure that sound DPDs are prepared and developed in a timely manner. The council has put in place governance arrangements for the Wiltshire Local Plan review and Gypsies and Travellers Plan to support their delivery. This provides overall leadership and direction for decision making in relation to plan and policy formulation and to help ensure that the project is delivered against the project scope, timescales, budgets and other identified constraints. Similar governance arrangements will be implemented to oversee the preparation of future plans.

Figure 1: Summary programme for development plan document production*



*More detailed dates are set out in Appendix A Document Profile

APPENDIX A: Document Profiles

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROFILES	
Wiltshire Local Plan review (2020-2038)	
Role and subject	<p>The purpose of the review of the adopted Local Plan will be to plan for the future levels of need for new homes (including market, affordable and specialist housing)⁶ and employment land over the period 2020 to 2038 and to provide an appropriate basis for housing, employment land and infrastructure provision over that period.</p> <p>It will involve considering if the existing adopted development strategy remains relevant, identifying new site allocations relating to housing and employment together with supporting services and infrastructure.</p> <p>It will not be the purpose of the review to change or remove strategic objectives or policies that remain in accordance with national policy and support the delivery of sustainable development.</p> <p>The review will also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> targeted updating of existing Wiltshire Core Strategy development management policies to ensure their continued consistency with national policy; the introduction of further detailed development management policies as part of a review of the saved development management policies not replaced by the Wiltshire Core Strategy; and developing additional locally distinctive policies to plan positively for all town centres in Wiltshire consistent with national policy.
Geographical coverage	Wiltshire (excluding Swindon)
Document types/status	Development plan document
Chain of conformity	National policy
Timetable	
Stage	Dates
Initial consultation on the scope of plan [Public consultation took place 7 November to 19 December 2017 in accordance with Regulation 18]	Commenced November 2017
Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation, with public consultation completed Qtr 1 2021) [Public consultation took place 13 January to 9 March 2021 in accordance with Regulation 18]	Over the period Qtr 1 2018 to Qtr 2 2023
Publication of plan for pre-submission consultation and preparation for submission following consultation [Public consultation took place 27 September to 22 November 2023 in accordance with Regulation 19]	Qtr 3 2023 - Qtr 4 2024
Submission to Secretary of State [Submission to Secretary of State took place 28 November 2024]	Qtr 4 2024
Examination (including hearing and receipt of Inspector's report)	Commencing Qtr 4 2024
Adoption	Qtr 2, 2026

⁶ A separate Development Plan Document will address Core Policy 47 'Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers'

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROFILES	
Gypsies and Travellers DPD	
Role and subject	This DPD will plan for the level of need for accommodation for Gypsy and Travellers, including travelling showpeople to 2038. It will identify sites to meet permanent and temporary accommodation needs and focus on Core Policy 47 'Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers' of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
Geographical coverage	Wiltshire (excluding Swindon)
Document types/ status	Development plan document
Chain of conformity	National policy
Timetable	
Stage	Dates
Initial consultation on the scope of plan [Public consultation took place 13 January to 9 March 2021 in accordance with Regulation 18, alongside Local Plan Review consultation]	Qtr 1 2021
Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation)	Qtr 2 2021 - Qtr 1 2026
Publication of plan for pre-submission consultation and preparation of plan for submission* [*An earlier Regulation 19 public consultation took place 20 August to 4 October 2024]	Qtr 2 2026 - Qtr 4 2026
Submission to Secretary of State	Qtr 4 2026
Examination (including hearing and receipt of Inspector's report)	Commencing Q4 2026
Adoption	Qtr 2 2027

GLOSSARY

A guide to the terminology used in this document

Development Plan Document (DPD) - A document or documents setting out the council's planning policies and proposals. They are subject to community involvement, consultation and independent examination. A sustainability appraisal is required for each development plan document. The adopted development plan will include any Neighbourhood plan which has been formally made under the relevant legislation.

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) - An assessment of the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) - A timetable for the preparation of local development documents.

Local Plan - Development plan document(s) setting out the spatial vision and strategic objectives for an area. All development plan documents collectively comprise the Local Plan.

National Planning Policy Framework - The National Planning Policy Framework was first published on 27 March 2012 and revised in July 2018, February 2019, July 2021, September 2023, December 2023 and December 2024. The framework gives guidance to local councils in drawing up local plans and on making decisions on planning applications to deliver sustainable development.

Neighbourhood Planning - The Localism Act, which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011, introduced rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans. Once adopted these plans become part of the Development Plan

Planning Policy for Traveller Sites - first published on 23 March 2012 and revised in August 2015, December 2023 and December 2024. This provides national policies and guidance related to development for the gypsy and traveller community and should be read alongside the National Planning Policy Framework. It sets out national requirements for formulating local policies and making decisions on planning applications.

Saved Policies - these are policies that remain part of the development plan for decision making purposes until they have been replaced by policies in new Development Plan Documents. For instance, Appendix D of the Wiltshire Core Strategy sets out the remaining extant policies from plans prepared by the former district councils including North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011, the Kennet Local Plan 2011, the West Wiltshire District Plan First Alteration 2011 and the Salisbury Local Plan 2011, as well as some policies within the West Wiltshire Leisure and Recreation DPD.