

**SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**Examination of the Swindon Central Area Action Plan (CAAP)**

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| <b>AGENDA FOR HEARING SESSION 4 (morning)<br/>9.30 am Wednesday 2 July 2008<br/>The Pilgrim Centre, Regent Circus, Swindon</b> |
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1. Inspector  
Welcome; introductions; opening remarks
2. Swindon Borough Council  
Introductions and opening remarks
3. Area based/site specific issues for discussion (details on page 2)

**North Star (*Section 8/Policy16*)**

**Railway Heritage Area (*Section 8/Policy 17*)**

**Representors:**

Swindon Civic Trust  
New Mechanics Institute Preservation Trust Limited  
Mr B V Cockbill

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| <b>AGENDA FOR HEARING SESSION 4 (afternoon)<br/>2.00 pm Wednesday 2 July 2008<br/>The Pilgrim Centre, Regent Circus, Swindon</b> |
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**New Residential development (*Section 10*)**

**Central Swindon's residential communities (*Section 10/Policy 18*)**

**Old Town Area (*Section 10/Policy 19*)**

4. Inspector  
The next steps

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## AREA BASED POLICIES

### **North Star (Section 8/Policy16)**

How will progress towards securing a Higher Education presence in this area be monitored? What will trigger a decision to delay or abandon the proposal? If the scheme does not progress sufficiently in the timescale envisaged, what effect will this have on related proposals? Land safeguarded for the proposed University campus is not specifically identified on the Proposals Map

- Monitoring the University proposal
- Review period for the University proposal
- Safeguarding land for the proposed University and regional scale leisure facility
- Discrepancies on the Proposals Map/Submission Document
- Consideration of alternative sites for a higher education presence
- Council's suggested change to Policy 16
- North Star Master Plan

### **Railway Heritage Area (Section 8/Policy 17)**

Is Policy 17 sufficiently robust to secure an appropriate future use for the Mechanics Institute and other empty/underused historic buildings in the Conservation Area?

- The future of the Mechanics Institute and other underused and empty buildings in the area
- Would Policy 17 preclude the use of such buildings for activities which would contribute to Swindon's cultural development

Should the former Great Western Health Centre and Baths be included within the Railway Heritage Area?

- Council's suggested change – minor or significant?

## **SWINDON'S RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES**

### **New Residential development (Section 10)**

What is the evidence base/justification for the quantum of new residential development proposed?

- Swindon Housing Land Availability Assessment, master plans and development opportunities
- Housing figures consistency (CAAP Part II page 103, CAAP Part III page 4 and 5)

### **Central Swindon's existing residential communities (Section 10/Policy 18)**

Is Policy 18 sufficiently robust to deliver an appropriate density and mix of dwelling size and type in new residential developments in the Central Area?

- Scope/opportunities for family housing in the Central Area, given that the bulk of new units will be above commercial premises
- Indicators for housing size and type
- Evidence base for housing split target referred to in CAAP Part III (page 40)
- Monitoring progress against target

Should the policy address concerns about the number of houses in multi-occupation in the Central Area? If not, how will these concerns be addressed?

- Emerging HMO strategy

Do the existing education facilities serving Central Area residents have the physical capacity to accommodate the increased demands likely to arise during the plan period? If not, how will these demands be met?

- School catchment area boundary revisions
- Capacity timescales and the plan period
- Long term school capacity options and the CAAP

### **Old Town Area (Section 10/Policy 19)**

The extent of the public realm improvements proposed in Wood Street

- Suggested change removing reference to the pedestrianisation of Wood Street

**The inclusion of Old Town within the CAAP boundary (Swindon Civic Trust)**