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**Swindon Borough Council's programme for the preparation of
Local Development Documents (including the ongoing
production of Plans in preparation and Minerals and Waste
Development Documents)**

*This statement is prepared in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory
Purchase Act, 2004 (Sections 15 and 16)*

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1 Introduction

The Legislative Framework

1. Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004, Swindon Borough Council, as a unitary authority has responsibility for all local planning and minerals and waste planning in its area. Under the terms of the Act, the Borough Council has prepared a Boroughwide Local Plan under transitional arrangements, and is working on an Area Action Plan for Swindon's Central Area and a Core Strategy for the Borough. The Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011, which was adopted in July 2006, is the operative Local Plan for the Borough and is saved as a 'Core Strategy' for a period of 3 years (until July 2009 or longer for policies that are 'saved'¹). Work has also commenced on replacing its Minerals and Waste Local Plans with a Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework (MWDF) in partnership with Wiltshire County Council. Key policies from the Minerals and Waste Local Plans have been 'saved' and will remain operative until replaced by the documents of the MWDF. These new documents will form the Local Development Framework (LDF) for Swindon Borough.
2. This document, the Swindon Borough Local Development Scheme (3rd Review) (December 2008) explains the Borough Council's programme for replacing the adopted development plan as required by the new Planning Act. The LDS contains a number of acronyms. These are explained in the Glossary at Appendix 1.
3. The LDS details those elements of the development plan that have been \ will be saved, and those that are to be replaced in the period to December 2012. It includes detailed profiles on how each document will be project managed to adoption. These are included at Appendix 2.
4. This LDS updates and supersedes the Borough Council's LDS of December 2007. The revision of the LDS is necessary for six reasons:
 - The Borough Council is required to maintain an up-to-date programme of Development Plan production, covering at least a 3-year period of LDD preparation for the Borough;
 - Key pieces of evidence need to be prepared to help ensure that the Core Strategy is sound, and that its strategic allocations are capable of implementation (e.g. The Swindon Transport Strategy and an Employment Strategy);
 - The Core Strategy relies heavily on the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for guidance on its spatial strategy. Submission of the Core Strategy in advance of adoption of the RSS would present an unacceptable risk to achieving a sound document;
 - The Town and Country Planning (Development) (England) Regulations, 2008 introduce a revised system of Plan preparation that necessitates amendments to the programming of DPD's;

¹ Under the Town and Country Planning (Development) (England) Regulations, the Borough Council can apply to the Secretary of State to 'save' policies in adopted Development Plans, where they would continue to apply after the expiry date of the document. These policies typically may be those where no additional evidence exists to support their amendment, or where they are due to be replaced by a revised DPD which is not yet adopted. A list of saved policies in adopted Plans is included at Table 2.

- The Council wishes to adopt additional Supplementary Planning Documents in respect of masterplanning principles for the Eastern Development Area and Developer Contributions, and
- Wiltshire County Council are the lead Authority on the production of Minerals and Waste Development Documents. Amendments to Wiltshire's MWDS to take account of the new Wiltshire Unitary Authority are being undertaken. This means that revisions to Swindon's LDS are required to ensure that it remains in accord with Wiltshire's LDS.

Purpose of the Local Development Scheme

5. The Borough Council is required to make public (and keep up-to-date) a statement describing the content of the LDF and a three year programme of work intended to replace the existing development plan which may include progressing a plan in preparation or creating new LDD's. This statement is known as the '**Local Development Scheme' (LDS)**. The Swindon Borough LDS sets out the programme of work on the replacement of the Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan, 2016 and the Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011 by LDD's. The key LDD, to be prepared during the lifetime of this LDS is the Swindon Borough Core Strategy. The Borough Council has also prepared an Area Action Plan for Swindon Central Area in conjunction with Swindon's Urban Regeneration Company – The New Swindon Company. The LDS provides a detailed timetable for the ongoing preparation of these key DPD's. The LDS also details how Minerals and Waste Local Development Documents (MWLDD's) are to be produced to replace the Minerals and Waste Local Plans. This LDS updates and supersedes the Borough Council's previously approved LDS (December 2007).
6. The LDS serves three basic purposes, as it:
 - Informs the public about the Borough Council's programme for Plan production;
 - Establishes a commitment to Borough Council priorities and work programmes for plan\LDD production; and
 - Provides a means of monitoring progress and programming the review of existing plans or LDD's, including detailing which policies are to be saved and which are to be replaced.
7. In addition to Plan production, the Borough Council is also responsible for monitoring progress against the programme set out in the LDS, producing an **Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)** and revising the LDS when necessary, (in consultation with the Government Office for the South West (GOSW) and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS)). The Borough Council is responsible for ensuring that its programme of plan\LDD preparation appropriately meets the Borough's development needs.

Executive Summary of the Swindon Borough LDS

8. The Swindon Borough LDS details the planning policy documents to be prepared by the Borough Council in the next four years (covering the period to December 2012). The LDS covers each existing document to be saved, the length of time that it is likely to be saved for, the likely policies that are to be saved, and the document that will eventually replace it. Detail is provided as to how each document will be prepared and resourced, including partners who will produce the documents with the Borough Council, and linkages to other documents and strategies. The LDS includes

timescales with key milestones for the preparation of replacement documents, (Tables 3-6). It also includes details of the Borough Council's evidence base and the process of producing an Annual Monitoring Report.

Partnership with External Bodies

9. The Borough Council has a partnership arrangement with **Wiltshire County Council, (soon to be incorporated into the Wiltshire Unitary Council)**, for the preparation of the Minerals and Waste LDD's to replace the Minerals and Waste Local Plans. It is envisaged that the Submission Drafts of each joint document will be subject to Lead Member or informal Working Party sign off at both the Borough and County Council prior to being taken through respective Cabinets and Full Council's. These arrangements will replace the former Joint Strategic Planning Working Party, which had no decision-making powers.
10. The Borough Council is a partner in Swindon's Central Area Urban Regeneration Company - **The New Swindon Company, (TNSC)**. One of the most important documents that is being produced during the time-span of the LDS is the Area Action Plan for Swindon's Central Area. The AAP builds on, and updates TNSC's 'Regeneration Framework', within the context of the Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011 and emerging RSS, and will include a detailed policy framework to aid the regeneration of Central Swindon. Work on this plan has been undertaken in partnership between the Borough Council and TNSC, with final approval to be through the Borough Council..
11. Both Wiltshire County Council and TNSC are key consultees on all LDD's that the Borough Council will produce. Where the LDD's are likely to have a significant impact on their interests, they will be developed as far as possible in partnership under the mechanisms detailed above.

Information on the Swindon Borough LDS

12. If you require further information on the Swindon Borough LDS please contact:

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2 Documents to Comprise the Local Development Framework (incorporating the Minerals and Waste Development Framework)

13. This section lists the documents (existing and proposed) that will comprise the LDF to December 2012.

2a - Statement of Community Involvement

14. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) establishes a framework for stakeholder involvement to which all DPD's and SPD's should accord. The SCI was adopted in January 2007 as the consultation standard for Development Plan Documents produced by the Borough Council. The Borough Council does not currently intend to review the SCI in the period covered by this LDS, though it is to be kept under review so as to ensure that it remains 'fit for purpose'.

2b - Local Policy Documents

Adopted Local Policy Documents

15. The following documents, (as also shown in **Table 1**) will be saved as part of the LDF. **Table 2** summarises which policies within these Plans will be saved, and which are programmed for deletion or replacement. Detailed profiles of documents that are in production are available in **Appendix 2**:

Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan 2016

The Structure Plan, 2016 was adopted in April 2006. The document has been saved for a period of 3 years from adoption, or until replacement by the RSS and new LDD's as appropriate, (see **Table 3**).

The Swindon Borough Local Plan 2011

The Local Plan, 2011 was adopted in July 2006 and has been saved initially for 3 years from adoption, or until replaced by LDD's as appropriate, (see **Table 3**). The document profile for the Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011 is contained in Appendix 2.

Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) and Development Control Guidance Notes (DCGN's)

SPG's and DCGN's will be treated as material planning considerations by the Borough Council until replaced by new SPD's. The Borough Council has a large number of SPG's and DCGN's that will continue to be used as material considerations in the development control process in accordance with the Adopted Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011. These adopted SPG's and DCGN's will continue to be used in support of those policies that are saved and are listed in **Appendix 3**.

Local Policy Documents in Preparation

16. The following documents are currently in preparation.

(i) Swindon Central Area Action Plan

Initial Issues and Options consultation was completed in January 2007, with Preferred Options consultation running from May to June 2007. Submission to the Secretary of State occurred in December 2007. The Public Examination was held in June\July 2008 with an Inspector's Report being published in December 2008. Adoption is expected in February 2009, (see **Table 3**). The document profile for the Swindon Central Area Action Plan is contained in **Appendix 2**. The Central Area Action Plan provides a detailed policy framework, amplifying, and where appropriate updating, the Central Area Chapter of the Swindon Borough Local Plan, to deliver the successful regeneration of Central Swindon.

(ii) Swindon Borough Core Strategy

The draft RSS establishes a new strategic development context including the level of, and direction for future growth at Swindon. This document will replace the existing the Core Strategy (the Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011).

The replacement Core Strategy was subject to Issues and Options (Reg 25) engagement in the period up to May 2007. Linking in with outcomes from consultation on Swindon's emerging Sustainable Community Strategy, a Preferred Options (Reg 26) draft was published for an 8 week period of public consultation from March 2008.

The Borough Council intends to publish the Core Strategy following Full Council in July 2009, with Submission in October 2009, though this is dependant on the adoption of the RSS. If Publication is not delayed, the Council envisages that a replacement Core Strategy could be adopted by September 2010, (see **Table 3**). The document profiles for the Core Strategy are contained in **Appendix 2**.

The Core Strategy will be accompanied by a Proposals Map Inset for strategic development, where the expression of strategic proposals needs to be shown on an Ordnance Survey base. The Proposals Map Inset will update elements of the Adopted Local Plan map, for which express policies that have not been saved.

(iii) Site Allocations and Proposals Map

The Core Strategy will identify strategic development options at Swindon to meet the requirements of RSS. The Core Strategy will also set strategic policies for development in the Borough to 2026. Building on the Core Strategy, a Site Allocations DPD covering non-strategic sites in the Borough will provide greater clarity to both place shaping and housing delivery. It will form the delivery mechanism for the Council's community engagement and neighbourhood service delivery agenda, "Connecting People, Connecting Places", to which it is critical. The document will principally cover housing allocations but will also identify land for other key uses.

The Site Allocations DPD must be taken forward under the new (2008) Regulations, It is intended to consult on Options (Reg 25\26 combined) up to September 2010.

The Borough Council intends to submit the Site Allocations DPD to Inquiry in December 2010, following Publication in September 2010. It is envisaged that a DPD

could be formally adopted by October 2011. The document profiles for the Site Allocations DPD are contained in **Appendix 2**.

The Site Allocations DPD will be accompanied by Proposals Map Insets, on an Ordnance Survey base. The Proposals Map Inset will update elements of the Adopted Local Plan map, which express policies that have not been saved and will amplify the Core Strategy where additional detail is required.

It should be noted that the above timetable reflects the Council's current preferred format for a Site Allocations DPD. Prior to formal publication of this document, the Council will review whether a comprehensive document is a more appropriate option than a series of smaller issue or site-specific documents.

(iv) Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's) and Development Control Guidance Notes (DCGN's)

The following SPD's are currently being prepared to provide an additional level of guidance to supplement development plan policies:

- Green Infrastructure (Local Plan Policies R5, R6, ENV20, ENV21. Also, where applicable, chain of conformity with adjoining Local Authority LDF)
- EDA Masterplan and Development Principles (Draft RSS Policy HMA2, Draft Core Strategy Policy)

Local Policy Documents not yet in Preparation

(i) Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's), and Development Control Guidance Notes (DCGN's)

The following are candidate areas for the possible production of SPD's. The need for additional SPD's will be reviewed through annual monitoring of the LDF process over the next 5 years:-

- The North Wessex Downs AONB in Swindon (Local Plan, 2011 Policy ENV11), (SPD),
- Access for All (to replace the adopted 'Access for All' SPG as much of the guidance in this document has been superseded by the Disability Discrimination Act, 2005, (Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011, (Policy DS8)) (SPD),
- Planning Applications Validation Checklist, (DCGN)
- Revised Parking Standards (a requirement of the emerging Core Strategy)
- Developer Contributions (Update and refresh of existing DCGN), (Local Plan Policy DS8)
- Design (a likely requirement of the Core Strategy, to replace the Adopted 'Swindon Design Guide').

2c - Minerals & Waste Policy Documents

17. The following documents, either already adopted or being prepared jointly with Wiltshire County Council will be saved as the Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF):

(i) The Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan

Adopted November 2001. Certain policies to be saved until replaced by MLDD's. (see **Tables 1 and 2**).

(ii) The Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Local Plan 2011

Adopted in March 2005. Certain policies to be saved until replaced by WLDD's. (see **Table 5**).

(iii) Wiltshire and Swindon Local Development Documents for Minerals Provision, 2026

Issues and Options consultation on the Core Strategy and separate Development Control policies document commenced in November 2005, and Preferred Options consultation in June 2006. A further round of Preferred Options consultation on these documents took place from April 2007 (Minerals Core Strategy) and July 2007 (Minerals DC Policies) to ensure that the tests of soundness had been properly addressed. Submission to the Secretary of State and consultation took place in March 2008 and July 2008 respectively. Following examination (including hearing sessions), and receipt of the Inspector's Reports, adoption is programmed for April 2009 and June 2009 respectively. A Minerals Site Allocations DPD is also to be produced with initial consultation taking place up to January 2010, an examination including hearing sessions, following Submission in March 2010. Final adoption is planned for December 2011. (see **Table 4**). The document profile for LDD's for Minerals Provision, 2016 is contained in **Appendix 2**.

(iv) Wiltshire and Swindon Local Development Documents for Waste, 2026

Issues and Options consultation on the Core Strategy and separate Development Control policies document commenced in November 2005 and Preferred Options consultation commenced in June 2006. A further round of Preferred Options consultation on these documents took place from April 2007 (Waste Core Strategy) and July 2007 (Waste DC Policies) to ensure that the tests of soundness have been properly addressed. Submission to the Secretary of State took place in March 2008 and July 2008 respectively. Following examination, (including hearing sessions), and receipt of the Inspector's Reports, adoption is programmed for April 2009 and June 2009 respectively. A Site Allocations DPD is being produced initial consultation taking place up to September 2009, an examination (including hearing sessions), following Submission in April 2010. Final adoption is planned for September 2010. (see **Table 6**). The Document profile for Waste LDD's to 2026 is contained in **Appendix 2**.

Table 1: Development Plan Documents to be saved and produced, (December 2007– August 2011)

Document	Status	Replacement Document	Replacement Date
Statement of Community Involvement*	Adopted February 2007	Subject to review	When required
Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan, 2016	Adopted April 2006	RSS (Core Strategy)	On adoption of RSS the Structure Plan will be superseded
Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011	Adopted July 2006	Swindon Borough LDF, (incorporating LDD's)	Swindon Central Area Action Plan, (Feb 2009) Core Strategy (Sept 2010) and Site Allocations (Oct 2011)
Swindon Central Area Action Plan	To be Adopted February 2009	None proposed as yet, but would be updated if required	N/A
Swindon Borough Core Strategy	To be Adopted September 2010	To be updated when required through annual monitoring and review on at least a 5 yearly basis	N/A
Site Allocations and Proposals Map	To be Adopted October 2011	To be updated when required through annual monitoring and review on at least a 5 yearly basis	N/A
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan, 2006	Adopted, 2001	Wiltshire and Swindon LDD's for Minerals Provision to 2026	Core Strategy (Apr 2009) DC policies (June 2009) and Site Allocations (Dec 2010)
Wiltshire and Swindon LDD's for Minerals Provision to 2026	Core Strategy and DC policies to be Adopted (Apr 2009), DC Policies (June 2009), Site Allocations (Apr 2011)	Elements to be replaced when required through annual monitoring and review on at least a 5 yearly basis	When required
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Local Plan, 2011	Adopted March 2005	Wiltshire and Swindon LDD's for Waste to 2026	Core Strategy (Apr 2009) DC policies (June 2009) and Site Allocations (Sept 2010)
Wiltshire and Swindon LDD's for Waste to 2026	Core Strategy and DC policies to be Adopted, (Apr 2009) and (July 2009) respectively. Site Allocations by (Apr 2011)	Elements to be replaced when required through annual monitoring and review on at least a 5 yearly basis	When required

* Not a DPD, but part of the LDF.

Table 2: Development Plan Policies (including Minerals and Waste Development Documents) to be saved

Table 2 details existing DPD's and those in preparation that will be saved on application to GOSW, as part of the Swindon LDF. During this period the RSS, LDD's and MWLDD's, will be adopted to take their place. Policies in the existing saved plans will be reviewed and considered for replacement by policies in the RSS, MWLDD's and ultimately LDD's. The current assessment of the future of these policies is shown in Table 2 (below):

Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan, 2016		
Policies to be deleted	DP1, DP2, DP5, DP6, DP7, DP8, DP11, DP14, DP15, T1, T4, T5, T7, T8, T9, T10, T14, C1, C2, C4, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, HE1, HE2, HE3, HE4, HE5, HE6, HE7, RLT1, RLT2, RLT6, RLT8, RLT9, RLT10, RE1, RE2, MSP2, MSP3, MSP4, MSP7, MSP8, W1, W2, W3, W4, TE1	
Policies to be replaced by RSS	DP3, DP4, DP9, DP10A, B and C, T2, T3, T6, T11, T12, T13, C3, C5,	
Policies to be retained (without change) as part of the LDF	None	
Policies to be saved, reviewed and replaced by LDD policies	None..	More detailed policies to be saved in Local Plans until replacement by DPD's
Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011		
Policies likely to be deleted	DS3 (Commonhead), , CA1-CA15, ENV23, 25, 26, 27, H3, S2, S3, T10, T11,	Policy DS3 will not be carried forward as the site has no interest from a University on the Bath model and there is no need for the residential element. The area will be re-evaluated for the Core Strategy. Central Area policies are replaced by the CAAP. Other policies are no longer relevant
Policies likely to be retained (without change) as part of the LDF	Review of policies is not yet sufficiently advanced to determine	Plan has not yet been sufficiently tested to determine.
Policies likely to be saved, reviewed and replaced in LDD policies	All policies not mentioned above	Government Guidance on developer contributions is likely to change. Central Area policies are likely to be tested as part of an AAP, which will provide a greater level of clarity and detail. Housing, employment and allocations for community use and Transport to be reviewed. The Use Classes Order as it relates to retail has been revised. The Rural Buffer is likely to require review following the publication of RSS.
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan, 2006		
Policies to be deleted	1, 2, 4, 8, 14, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 42,	Monitoring indicates that these policies

	46, 52, 53	add very little value to the decision making process, are very generic; have been superseded by government legislation or guidance; have been superseded by the Borough wide Local Plan or are not applicable to Swindon Borough.
Policies to be reviewed and replaced by RSS policies	None	It is not yet known what form or level of detail RSS policies on minerals will take. In due course it may be appropriate for general policies (e.g. aggregate apportionments, landbanks) to form part of RSS.
Policies to be retained (without change) as part of the LDF	None	The Minerals Local Plan was adopted in December 2001 and it therefore requires a comprehensive update of its policies.
Policies to be saved, then reviewed and replaced by LDD policies	3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 28, 29, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, Annexe 1	Minerals Core Strategy, Development Control policies, site specific allocations and Proposals Map(s).
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Local Plan, 2011		
Policies to be deleted	7,8,9,18	These policies are covered either by the general provisions of Policy 1; are adequately covered by existing legislation, or are simply not necessary.
Policies to be reviewed and replaced by RSS policies	None	
Policies to be retained (without change) as part of the LDF.	None	
Policies to be saved, then reviewed and replaced by LDD policies	1,2,3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,19,20,21,22,23,24, Annexe 1	Waste Core Strategy, Site Allocations and Proposals Map.

Table 3: Development Plan Documents Preparation Timetable (excluding Minerals and Waste Documents)

Document Details					Milestones					
Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Chain of Conformity	Geographical Coverage	SEA Baseline Data Collection	Issues and Options (Reg25) \ Preferred Options (Reg26) consultation	Submission to SoS and Consultation	Hearing sessions (to be preceded by PHM)	Inspectors Report	Final Adoption
Swindon Central Area Action Plan	LDD (DPD)	Area Action Plan to be produced to guide regeneration of Central Swindon	With the Local Plan, 2011 (saved as the Core Strategy)	Central Swindon and environs (as defined in the Local Plan, 2011 and TNSC's Regeneration Framework)	Jan 2006 – Sept 2006 (ongoing thereafter)	Issues and Options Nov 2006 - Jan 2007 Preferred Options Apr 2007 – June 2007	Dec 2007 (following SEA Report on consultation outcomes)	June 2008	Oct 2008	27 th Feb 2009
Swindon Borough Core Strategy	LDD (DPD)	To update development context in the Local Plan, 2011 (incl. Some amends to Proposals Map)	RSS	Swindon Borough	July 2005 – Aug 2006 (ongoing thereafter)	Issues and Options Oct 2006 - May 2007 Preferred Options March 2008 Publication July 2009	October 2009 (following adoption of RSS)	Feb – March 2010	July 2010	Sept 2010
Site Allocations and Proposals Map	LDD (DPD)	Allocations and Inset Map Proposals Map to illustrate updated and saved policies	Core Strategy	Specific allocations within settlements in Swindon Borough	July 2005 – Sept 2010 (ongoing thereafter)	Options Pre-Production/Survey/Community Engagement Apr 2008 - Sept 2010 Publication Sept 2010	Dec 2010	Apr 2011	Aug 2011	Oct 2011

Table 4: Minerals Development Plan Documents Preparation Timetable

Document Details					Milestones					
Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Chain of Conformity	Geographic coverage	SEA Baseline Data collection	Issues and Options (Reg25) \ Preferred Options (Reg26) consultation	Submission to SoS and Consultation	Hearing sessions (to be preceded by PHM)	Inspector's Report	Final Adoption
Wiltshire and Swindon Local Development Documents for Minerals Provision, 2026: Core Strategy and Development Control policies (Incl. Proposals Maps)	MLDD, (DPD)	Sets out vision, objectives and spatial development strategy and policies to facilitate appropriate development	Must be in conformity with WSP and/or RSS. All other MLDD's must comply with it.	Swindon Borough and Wiltshire County	Mar 2004 – Sept 2005 (ongoing thereafter)	Nov 2005 (Reg 25 Issues and Options) Jun 2006 (Reg 26 Preferred Options) May 2007 (Reg 26 Preferred Options – 2 nd round – Core Strategy) Jul 2007 (Reg 26 Preferred Options – 2 nd round – DC Policies)	March 2008 (Core Strategy) July 2008 (DC policies)	Nov – Jan 2008 (Core Strategy) Jan 2009 (DC policies)	Mar 2009 (Core Strategy) April 2009 (DC policies)	May 2009 (Core Strategy) Jul 2009 (DC Policies)
Wiltshire and Swindon Local Development Documents for Minerals Provision, 2026: Site Allocations (and Inset Maps)	MLDD, (DPD)	Shows sites \ Preferred Areas \ Areas of Search for minerals development plus site inset maps and site specific policies	With Core Strategy and RSS	Site allocations within Swindon Borough and Wiltshire County	Mar 2004 – Sept 2005 (ongoing thereafter)	Pre-Production/Survey/Community Engagement Sept 2008 – Jan 2010 Publication Nov 2009	March 2010	July 2010	Oct 2010	Dec 2010

Table 5: Waste Development Plan Documents Preparation Timetable

Document Details					Milestones					
Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Chain of Conformity	Geographic coverage	SEA Baseline data collection	Issues and Options (Reg25) \ Preferred Options (Reg26) consultation	Submission to SoS and Consultation	Hearing sessions (to be preceded by PHM)	Inspector's Report	Final Adoption
Wiltshire and Swindon Local Development Documents for Waste, 2026: Core Strategy and Development Control policies (incl. Proposals Map)	WLDD, (DPD)	Sets out vision, objectives and spatial development strategy and policies to facilitate appropriate development.	Must be in conformity with WSP and/or RSS. All other WLDD's must comply with it.	Swindon Borough and Wiltshire County	Jun – Oct 2005	Nov 2005 (Reg 25 Issues and Options) Jun 2006 (Reg 26 – Preferred Options) May 2007 (Reg 26 – Preferred Options – 2 nd round – Core Strategy) Jul 2007 (Reg 26 – Preferred Options – 2 nd round – DC Policies)	March 2008 (Core Strategy) July 2008 (DC policies)	Oct 2008 (Core Strategy) Jan 2009 (DC policies)	Jan 2009 (Core Strategy) Apr 2009 (DC policies)	Apr 2009 (Core Strategy) June 2009 (DC Policies)
Wiltshire and Swindon Local Development Documents for Waste, 2026: Site Allocations and Inset Maps	WLDD, (DPD)	Shows sites \ Preferred Areas \ Areas of Search for Waste plus site inset maps and site specific policies	With Core Strategy and RSS	Site allocations within Swindon Borough and Wiltshire County	Jun – Oct 2005	Pre-Production/Survey/Community Engagement Sept 2008 – Sept 2009 Publication Sept 2009	Dec 2009	April 2010	July 2010	Sept 2010

3 Evidence Base and Strategic Environmental Assessment \ Sustainability Appraisal

The Evidence Base

18. The Borough Council's LDF and MWDF must be based on a sound evidence base. The various information sources, studies and monitoring regimes that will provide key information are shown in Table 6.

Other Relevant Documents

19. Other relevant documents, besides the sources listed in Table 6, are:
- Swindon Borough Council Sustainable Community Strategy,
 - Swindon Borough Council Corporate Plan,
 - The Swindon Local Area Agreement and
 - Published and unpublished technical studies commissioned and prepared by the Borough Council, the Regional Assembly, the Government and other stakeholders.

Management of the Evidence Base

20. The Borough Council holds a significant amount of data for its area that provides evidence for the development and review of policy. Much of this data is 'constraint based' and has been collected from existing sources, often from external bodies. This data is reviewed and updated regularly on request from the data holders, or when the data holders advise the Borough Council of any updates. Where possible, this data is held on a digitised Geographic Information System.
21. Other data is collected in 'raw' form by the Borough Council. This includes the outcomes of monitoring of planning applications, with annual outputs on employment land completions and six monthly reports on housing land completions, which are published in conjunction with **Wiltshire County Council**. Additional monitoring of retail floorspace (six monthly) and open spaces (ongoing) are undertaken to inform and update policy.
22. Other evidence is that gathered by the Borough Council (either 'in house' or through the commissioning of expert organisations) to inform on specific areas of policy concern. These may include Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments, Playing Pitch Assessments, Retail Capacity Assessments, Housing Needs surveys, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Water Cycle Study, transport assessments, sustainability studies or economic analysis. Once received, these documents are retained by the Borough Council and made available for purchase, and where possible on the website. In addition, the Borough Council has commissioned EDAW to develop an infrastructure costing model to inform the implementation strategy for the LDF, and to inform future infrastructure bidding.

23. The final group of evidence is that provided by other stakeholders, such as Parish Councils, who may commission surveys or work on Parish Plans/Strategies. These Strategies form an important part of the evidence base. All evidence used in the preparation and review of policy is retained by the Borough Council's Forward Planning team.

Baseline Studies

24. The Borough Council is required to carry out Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA's) of its LDD's and MWLDD's., plus the closely related Sustainability Appraisals (SA's) to assist in the development and testing of proposals ensuring compliance with European legislation and national guidance on preparation of LDD's. The sources shown in Table 6 will also be used to compile appropriate baseline studies for the SEA/SA process.

Strategic Environmental Assessment / Sustainability Appraisal

25. An SEA / SA process will be carried out during the preparation of each LDD. The main stages will be:-

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| a. | Early stages of LDD | Baseline study and consultation. Determination of baseline data to indicate where options for policy may be directed and formulated. Main sources of information include monitoring of existing policies (AMR), and the collection of baseline data. This process is expected to take place at the start of the document preparation process, but remain under review throughout. This baseline data may be consistent across several DPD's |
| b. | Issues, Options and Preferred Option | Prediction, analysis of effects including a consideration of options, mitigation, appraisal and draft Environmental Report (SEA) / SA report based on an assessment of options against baseline data and policy requirement. |
| c. | Draft LDD's for submission | Revised prediction, including development options raised at the issues and options stage, analysis of effects including a re-consideration of all options, mitigation, appraisal and Environmental Report (SEA) / SA report. |
| d. | Adoption Process | Report on environmental considerations. |

26. The likely timescales for SEA have been incorporated into the plan production timetable at each stage. The Borough Council holds much of the data and has the in-house capability required to undertake the SEA work, with expert input where required from external sources. At each stage in the Plan preparation process, the outcomes of SEA will be used to determine the acceptability of the strategy and detailed policies of the document. Decisions taken subsequent to the SEA will be documented and a report on the SEA process, its methodology and outcomes will accompany each stage of the document. These reports will be made available for public consultation and scrutiny along with the document in accord with the provisions of the SCI, (see Tables 3-5 for key public consultation dates), and will

help to ensure that the Council is able to make a robust defence of its strategies and policies at any examination or hearing.

Table 6: Evidence Base for Swindon Borough Local Development Documents (including Minerals and Waste Development Documents)

1.For Local Development Documents, (incl. Minerals and Waste Development Documents)	
Data	Sources
Ecological Data	Wiltshire and Swindon Biological Records Centre Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, The Environment Agency, SBC, SW Regional Observatory, SW Biodiversity Partnership, Swindon BAP Steering Group, developer interests and phase 1 ecological surveys for specific sites
Landscape and Countryside Character	Natural England, North Wessex Downs AONB Organisation, Community Forest, more detailed assessments by the Borough Council, developer interests (specific sites)
Geology	OS Geological Maps, British Geological Society, published sources
Soils	Published Soil Maps and data, Soil Resources Institute, DEFRA
Archaeology, Scheduled Monuments and Heritage	SBC, Wiltshire Archaeologist, English Heritage
Extent of designated and protected areas, plus areas allocated for other forms of development	Local Plan (where not covered by the above)
Water environment, pollution and flooding	Environment Agency, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, bespoke flood risk and water supply studies, British Geological Society (groundwater), DEFRA, Natural England, Water and Sewerage Utilities
Traffic levels, road classification, designated lorry routes, road improvements and rail network	SBC Transportation Directorate, Department for Transport, Highways Agency
Air quality and noise	SBC, DEFRA and (limited) local authority sites Developer monitoring
Demographic data	SBC demographers, Census, other Office of National Statistics sources, SW Regional Observatory
Economic and Social Data	SBC, Census, DTI, SW Regional Observatory, SWRDA, Swindon Community Safety Partnership
Sustainability	Government Quality of Life Counts,

	<p>SW Region Sustainable Development web site, SWRA, SBC Climate Change Strategy, UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP)</p>
<p>Public Opinion</p>	<p>Best Value Surveys of Planning Issues Surveys of Public Opinion Borough Council Surveys The Swindon Local Policy Forum The Community Forum The Developer Forum Swindon's Sustainable Community Strategy Swindon Local Area Agreement Requirements of the SBC, SCI Local Community Aspirations</p>

Table 6: Evidence Base for Swindon Borough Local Development Documents (including Minerals and Waste Development Documents) (continued)

2.For the Core Strategy, Site Allocations and Area Action Plans (in addition to evidence already listed)	
Data	Sources
Development Requirements (incorporating housing and employment)	Adopted Structure Plan RSS (reviewed every 5 years) SBC Inward Investment monitoring SBC Register of Business Enquiries
Identification of strategic urban extensions	'In house' comparative assessment studies
Data on housing and employment completions	SBC annual monitoring reports (6 monthly for housing)
Data on housing completions on previously developed land	SBC 6 monthly housing monitoring survey
Data on housing densities	SBC 6 monthly housing monitoring survey
Data on Housing Needs (incl. Affordable Housing requirements)	Swindon Housing Needs Survey (to be updated every 3 years), Swindon Housing Strategy, SW Regional Housing Strategy, Swindon Homelessness Strategy
Market assessments of housing and employment	SBC Swindon Housing Market Survey, SBC Employment Land Survey, Specialist Consultants Links also to RSS work
Estimates of Urban Capacity	SBC land availability surveys and monitoring data; Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
Retail Occupiers at the Borough's hierarchy of retail centres	SBC 6 monthly retail monitoring surveys
Retail and Leisure Capacity	SBC (via specialist consultants) (update when required)
Playing Pitch Assessment	SBC (via specialist consultants) (update when required)
Open Space Audit and Assessment	SBC (update when required)
Transport Strategy and Model	SBC (updated and reviewed when appropriate)
Monitoring LDD's produced in neighbouring authorities	Adjoining authorities
Monitoring targets to be established in the revised LDD's	SBC
Monitoring targets established in the remaining elements of the 'saved plan'	SBC
Site Appraisals	SBC
Corporate Objectives	SBC Corporate Plan

	SBC Community Strategy Other SBC Strategies and Plans
Sustainability (SEA) Appraisals	SBC
Infrastructure requirements of development	SBC EDAW

Table 6: Evidence Base for Swindon Borough Local Development Documents (including Minerals and Waste Development Documents) (continued)

3. For Minerals LDD's	
Data	Sources
Data on minerals production and reserves across the Plan area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC/SBC forecasts of minerals requirements ('real need/real supply' scenarios) • WCC/SBC forecasts of reserves – landbank assessment 	Annual Minerals Raised Inquiry (AMRI) data supplied by the minerals industry to the Office for National Statistics annually Aggregates Monitoring (AM) Surveys currently undertaken every 4 years South West Regional Aggregates Working Party (SWRAWP) Annual Reports
Data on recycling and secondary aggregate production	Various including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCLG monitoring • RTAB/SWRAWP monitoring • Environment Agency monitoring • Waste LDD's Team monitoring
Monitoring regional / inter-regional demand for minerals (principally aggregates)	SWRAWP / RPB
Results of monitoring minerals planning applications and decisions	WCC / SBC / adjoining authorities (consultation on planning applications of cross boundary significance)
Monitoring LDD's produced in neighbouring authorities	Adjoining authorities
Monitoring targets to be established in the revised LDD's	WCC / SBC
Monitoring targets established in the remaining elements of the 'saved plan'	WCC / SBC
Site Appraisals	WCC and SBC
Sustainability (SEA) Appraisals	WCC and SBC

Table 6: Evidence Base for Swindon Borough Local Development Documents (including Minerals and Waste Development Documents) (continued)

4. For Waste LDD's	
Data	Sources
Data on Municipal Waste arisings, transfer, treatment and disposal	WCC (WDA), plus SBC and Districts (WCA's)
Forecasts of waste arisings, treatment and disposal	WCC (WPA and WDA) and SBC
Data on other waste streams and on waste movements, recovery and pollution controls	Environment Agency, inc Regional Strategic Waste Management Assessments (SWMA's) and data on hazardous waste, Water and Sewerage Utilities
Regional Waste Strategy and BPEO	Regional Assembly / RTAB
Results of monitoring planning applications and other indicators specified in Waste Local Plan	WCC and SBC
County and Borough Council surveys of remaining void space at landfill sites and capacity surveys of waste operators	WCC and SBC
Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy Statistics Database (Restats)
Site Appraisals	WCC and SBC
Sustainability (SEA) Appraisals	WCC and SBC

4 Annual Monitoring Report and Review of the LDS (incorporating the MWDS)

27. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004 requires the Borough Council to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). This report must audit performance in the production of the LDF and will enable the Council to track the performance of policies to assess their effectiveness. This will allow the Borough Council to:
- assess progress on all documents listed in the LDS;
 - assess whether each document is to timetable and is likely to remain so;
 - identify saved or adopted policies that are not being implemented; and
 - identify saved or adopted policies that are not effective;

It will do this by:

- a. Checking **progress of LDD production against the LDS**, determining whether slippage has taken place or is likely to take place in the next year and to identify *why* this has occurred or *why* it is likely to occur;
 - b. Monitoring the **relevance** of policies, which will be assessed by the number of times they are used in planning decisions or the extent to which they inform pre-application inquiries and the extent to which they are influencing development;
 - c. Monitoring the **effectiveness** of policies, which will be assessed by the number of times each policy is used to justify a planning decision, and the extent to which they have been defended at appeal or inquiry and the extent to which they are influencing development. The production and if appropriate, review of a **housing trajectory** against which housing completions can be addressed is a key part of this process. In accord with PPS12 (p70), the housing trajectory will be based on past completion rates, and required completions needed to meet strategic development rates. It will form an important element of the evidence base and will determine the extent to which existing allocations are effective in meeting projected completion rates and, conversely, whether additional allocations are required; and
 - d. Monitoring **the extent to which policies are up to date**, which will be assessed through the publication of revised planning guidance or legislation, the monitoring of relevant case law, and close monitoring of any updates to the evidence base, such as the outcomes of housing, employment or retail monitoring.
49. **The Annual Monitoring Report will be submitted to the Government Office for the South West each December.** It will take into account the annual land use monitoring reports which cover the period April – April and will be submitted to the Secretary of State and published, including on the Borough Council's website. Any amendments to the LDS in terms of timetabling updates, or the addition of new documents to be produced, or existing documents that require review will be published shortly afterwards in full consultation with the Government Office for the South West and the Planning Inspectorate. Once endorsed, such amendments will be made available on the Council's web site. All stakeholders on the Borough's Forward Planning stakeholder database will be made aware of the Annual Monitoring Report and amendments to the LDS. A summary of the processes and timetabling of the Annual Monitoring Report are detailed at Table 7 (*below*):

Table 7: Annual Monitoring Report and LDS – Annual production programme

Task	Date
Updating Evidence Base	Ongoing to April
Annual monitoring (Base date)	April 1st
Collating data	April - July
Draft Report and approval to publish	August - November
Submit AMR to GOSW \ SoS	December
Assess implications for LDS	January - February
Revise LDS (if required)	May
Publish revised LDS (if required)	August

Appendix 1 – Glossary of Terms

Area Action Plan (AAP)

A detailed policy document specific to a particular area. An AAP contains a level of policy detail that would not be appropriate for inclusion in a Core Strategy. It may include information on acceptable development in an area, and the extent and form it may take.

SBC example – Swindon Central Area Action Plan

Development Control Guidance Note (DCGN)

A document that supplements adopted Development Plan policy that has been subjected to full stakeholder consultation, but is not considered to require SA\SEA, that has been adopted for Development Control purposes.

SBC examples – Adopted Developer Contributions DCGN

Development Plan Document (DPD)

Those elements of the LDF that cover development plan issues requiring public examination. Examples include Core Strategy, Proposals Maps, Site Allocations and Area Action Plans. SPD's and the SCI are not DPD's.

Local Development Document (LDD)

A formal Development Plan Document dealing with a local policy issue. LDD's may cover a range of policy issues or be area, or subject-specific. LDD's must be prepared in accordance with the RSS (or Structure Plan until RSS is adopted), and must be subject to full consultation and public examination. Together LDD's, SPD's and the SCI will comprise the LDF.

SBC examples – The Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011, The Swindon Borough Core Strategy, Site Allocations in Settlements (to be prepared)

Local Development Framework (LDF)

The suite of LDD's, SPD's and the SCI forming the development plan for the Borough. The LDF contains a set of documents that can be selectively reviewed as required.

Local Development Scheme (LDS)

A published forward plan of documents to be produced to comprise the LDF, covering the preparation of documents over a 3 year period or more. The LDS is subject to regular monitoring, and maybe reviewed or updated in consultation with the Government Office for the South West and the Planning Inspectorate.

SBC examples – This document

Minerals and Waste Local Development Document (MWLDD)

LDD's that cover minerals and waste planning issues. These documents are likely to be produced in conjunction with Wiltshire County Council.

SBC examples – Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Core Strategy

Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF)

The suite of MWLDD's, SPD's and the SCI forming the development plan for minerals and waste issues in the Borough. The MWDF contains a set of documents that can be selectively reviewed as required.

Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

Regional policy document covering the period to 2026. Prepared by the South West Regional Assembly, this document will provide a regional context to the preparation of LDF's, which must accord with it. The Borough Council lead a study of the 'Swindon City Region', - 'the Swindon Joint Study', which informed the RSS. RSS is anticipated to be adopted by the end of 2008, or early 2009, when it will replace the Adopted Structure Plan.

Stakeholder

Any person or organisation with an interest in the Local Development Framework, or who would be affected by the policies and proposals within it.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

A public consultation framework, that provides a standard for stakeholder involvement in the preparation of LDD's. The SCI is itself be subject to formal consultation and public examination. Swindon Borough Council's SCI was adopted in January 2007.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

An iterative process that takes full account of the environmental effects of options for development. The SEA must be undertaken with the production of each DPD. It must assess the environmental impacts of both strategy and policy, including the impacts of not following a particular policy. Each stage should be made available for public consultation and should clearly show how each policy performs. The SEA must build on the Borough Council's evidence base and may be used to defend policies at Inquiry.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

The appraisal of a plan's policies and proposals against a range of social, economic and environmental criteria. The SA is wider than the SEA, which may form an element of it. The SA should be undertaken at all stages of the Plan preparation process and should be made available for public consultation. A report of the SA, including SEA should detail all impacts and make recommendations for the amendment of policies and proposals where necessary.

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Policy guidance additional to the policies and proposals of a LDD. Replacing SPG, SPD's comprise supplementary material, such as design guides or planning briefs that set out planning requirements or advice at a greater level of detail than would be appropriate to a LDD. In accordance with the provisions of 'The Act', they should be prepared in an open and transparent manner. They must be subject to SA and SEA, but not to public examination. SPD's will form part of the LDF, but are not in themselves Development Plan Documents.

SBC examples – North Wessex Downs AONB SPD (to be prepared)

The Act

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004. The Act replaces the existing Development Plan system of Structure and Local Plans with a LDF comprising LDD's. The Act also requires Local Authorities to produce a SCI and LDS. It also places a statutory obligation on Authorities to monitor progress and effectiveness of their LDF's and produce an annual report, which will determine policy review.

**Appendix 2 – Document Profiles for the Swindon Borough LDF
(December 2007 – August 2011)**

a) Swindon Central Area Action Plan

What is its purpose?

- To provide a more detailed policy context to shape the regeneration of central Swindon covering development in the short, medium and long term;
- To ensure that the major project areas within the central area are developed in the most appropriate manner to the highest quality;
- To ensure that the regeneration of central Swindon benefits nearby local communities;
- To provide a context to detailed strategies, briefs and funding bids; and
- To provide certainty to all stakeholders.

What geographical area will it cover?

Swindon Central Area, including much of Swindon Town Centre, Old Town and the Central Area fringes.

What is the Chain of Conformity?

With the Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011 (amplifies and updates Policies CA1 to CA15), the Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan, 2016 and ultimately with the RSS.

What are the links to the Community Strategy \ Corporate Plan?

Adopted Community Strategy - Creating a Swindon for the Future; An Economically Prosperous Place; A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations; (and also A Healthy and Caring Place and Keeping Swindon Safe)

Corporate Plan - Working alongside TNSC, to regenerate the town centre into a vibrant heart of the town and Borough, including a new library, unique shopping environment with a market square and new leisure, commercial and residential facilities;

Other Council Plans \ Strategies - Housing Needs Survey; Leisure Strategy; Open Space Audit and Assessment; Schools Organisation Plan; Local Transport Plan; Culture and Leisure Strategy; Swindon Central Area Public Realm Strategy; TNSC's 'Regeneration Framework'.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will The Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

No, but the document will be prepared in full co-operation with The New Swindon Company.

Project Managers

The Project Manager for the Swindon Central Area Action Plan will be the Forward Planning Manager, Swindon Borough Council.

Internal Partners

The principal internal partners for the preparation of the Swindon Central Area Action Plan will be:-

- Director of Environment and Regeneration
- Director of Economic Development, Heritage and Culture
- Director of Law and Democratic Services
- Director of Transportation
- Development Manager
- Director of Property and Technical Services

External Partners

The principal external partners for the Swindon Central Area Action Plan will be:

- TNSC
- InSwindon – Town Centre Management
- DCLG and DEFRA (via GOSW)
- Planning Inspectorate
- English Heritage
- South West Regional Assembly
- South West Regional Development Agency
- English Partnerships

- Swindon Developer Forum
- Swindon Local Policy Forum
- Local Councils and Central Area community groups
- Landowners and Developers with an interest in the central area

Resources, Staffing and Budgets

Staff resources are primarily the Regeneration Policy Project Team (within Forward Planning) (the equivalent of two full-time and one part-time member of staff) within the Forward Planning Group. The AAP is being led by the Forward Planning Group, in partnership with TNSC who assist in the development of the evidence base and provide justification. In addition to the progression of the Swindon Central Area Action Plan, the Forward Planning team are also responsible for the progression of the Core Strategy and Site Allocations in urban areas LDD's, MWLDD's, (in partnership with Wiltshire County Council), the SCI and SPG\SPD and the Annual Monitoring Report. The Group are also responsible for leading on the region's ambitious growth agenda for Swindon, which has significant linkages and crossovers with the AAP.

Financial resources have been identified to cover the preparation of the AAP in the Borough Council's short and medium term budget plans. The preparation of an AAP is being undertaken 'in house'. The Departmental Finance Officer has been informed of the need to prepare LDD's to review and update local policy.

Constraints, Risk and Contingencies

The main constraint on the preparation of the Swindon Central Area Action Plan is the delivery of the Inspectors Report and its recommendations, which are currently unknown.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement

Community and Stakeholder involvement is in accord with the Borough Council's 'Statement of Community Involvement'. All relevant stakeholders have been informed that the document is being prepared with the Local Policy Forum (comprising key stakeholders in shaping new planning policy for the Borough) involved from the outset in shaping an initial 'issues and options' document. The main features of public involvement are:

- The use of the Swindon Local Policy Forum to carry out consultation at the start of the process.
- Public consultation at the pre-submission stage on key issues and preferred options.
- Formal public consultation at the stage of draft submission to the DCLG.

At all stages, the Borough Council has kept all interested parties up to date on progress through the Local Policy Newsletter, which will be distributed to stakeholders, and public buildings around the Borough.

Justification for Preparation

There is an urgent need to provide a more detailed policy context to facilitate and enable central area regeneration than is currently provided by the Swindon Borough Local Plan, 2011. This context can best be developed through an AAP that will provide the necessary detail to inform the submission of detailed development schemes and provide a context for the subsequent consideration of applications. This will help to ensure that Swindon's town centre is improved to function a regional destination of choice and will support the ambitious growth agenda for the town.

Key Milestones

Informal Issues and Options (Reg 25) Consultation	Apr 2006 to Jan 2007
Preferred Options (Reg 26) Consultation	Apr 2007
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Oct/Nov 2007
Submission to SoS and consultation	Dec 2007
Pre-Examination Meeting	March 2008
Public Examination	June 2008

Inspectors Report	Nov 2008
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Jan 2009
Adoption	Feb 2009

When will the document be reviewed?

The Plan will serve the purpose of guiding the regeneration process in Central Swindon and in the determination of subsequent planning applications. Review will occur if there is a need for amendment if certain proposals or allocations within the Plan become redundant.

b) Swindon Borough Core Strategy

What is its purpose?

- To update the saved Core Strategy (the Local Plan, 2011) where required to provide an up-to-date policy context for development in the Borough in accord with RSS;
- To ensure that the Borough is able to deliver the requirements of RSS in a sustainable and co-ordinated manner;
- To provide a timely context for strategically important applications and subsequent detailed site allocations, and
- To provide a suite of up to date development control policies with Borough wide application.

What geographical area will it cover?

Swindon Borough, though it must include reference to development 'at' Swindon that may come forward through neighbouring authorities' LDF's.

What is the Chain of Conformity?

With the RSS.

What are the links to the Community Strategy \ Corporate Plan?

Existing Community Strategy – Creating a Swindon for the Future; An Economically Prosperous Place; A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations; (and also A Healthy and Caring Place and Keeping Swindon Safe).

The Core Strategy is being prepared alongside the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy, (SCS). The SCS is to be adopted in early 2008. The working draft of the SCS will inform the Preferred Options draft of the Core Strategy. The Submission Draft Core Strategy will have regard to the final adopted SCS.

Corporate Plan –To regenerate the town centre into a vibrant heart for the town and Borough; to ensure that significant new developments are not approved before the full transport implications are evaluated and plans for funding and implementation are in place.

Other Council Plans \ Strategies – Housing Needs Survey; Housing Strategy; Swindon Housing Market Survey, Swindon Employment Land Survey, Open Space Audit and Assessment; Schools Organisation Plan; Local Transport Plan; Culture and Leisure Strategy; Economic Strategy, Climate Change Strategy; TNSC's 'Regeneration Framework', Leisure Strategy.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will The Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

No, but the Core Strategy will have implications for the surrounding areas of neighbouring Local Authorities.

Project Managers

The Project Manager for the Core Strategy will be the Forward Planning Manager, Swindon Borough Council.

Internal Partners

The principal internal partners for the preparation of the Core Strategy will be:

- Director of Environment and Regeneration
- Director of Community
- Director of Law and Democratic Services
- Director of Transportation
- Development Manager
- Director of Property and Technical Services
- Director of Adult Services
- Director of Children's Services
- Director of Housing and Social Care

External Partners

The principal external partners for the preparation of the Core Strategy will be:

- DCLG and DEFRA via GOSW

- Planning Inspectorate
- English Heritage
- English Partnerships
- South West Regional Assembly
- South West Regional Development Agency
- The Environment Agency
- Thames Water
- Highways Agency
- Natural England
- Countryside Commission
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
- The New Swindon Company
- The Housing Corporation
- The Swindon and Marlborough Primary Care Trust
- Local Councils and Community groups
- Landowners and Developers
- North Wiltshire District Council
- Wiltshire County Council
- The Developers Forum
- The Community Forum
- The Swindon Local Policy Forum

Resources, Staffing and Budgets

Staff resources are primarily from within the Forward Planning Group. The Core Strategy is being led from Forward Planning Group, with much of the Evidence Base and justification coming from the Strategic Policy Project team with policy formulation undertaken by the Borough wide Policy Project team. In addition to the progression of the Core Strategy, the Forward Planning Group will be responsible for the progression of Site Allocations, AAP's, Minerals and Waste Development Documents, (in partnership with Wiltshire County Council), the SCI, SPG\SPD and the Annual Monitoring Report. The Group are also responsible for leading on the region's ambitious growth agenda for Swindon, which has significant linkages and cross over with the Core Strategy – the principal planning document for delivery of strategic growth.

Financial resources have been identified to cover the preparation of the Core Strategy for inclusion in the Borough Council's short and medium term budget plans. The preparation of the Core Strategy will be undertaken largely 'in house' but will necessitate the procurement of external resources where existing information or assessments may require updating. Additionally, permanent or temporary staff may need to be secured if existing staff leave during production of the Strategy. The SEA officer remains a potential single point of failure in the production of DPD's.

Constraints, Risk and Contingencies

The main constraints on the preparation of the Core Strategy are any delays in adoption of the RSS and the loss of permanent staff. Currently, recruitment of experienced and able staff is difficult for planning departments in general. This would be a particular concern if experienced staff were to be lost once work on the Core Strategy has commenced. The only realistic contingency open to the Borough Council in the event of staff losses would be to seek the employment of temporary staff or use consultants if budgets are maintained for this purpose. Other existing staff are fully occupied meeting other priorities.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement

Community and Stakeholder involvement is in accord with the Borough Council's 'Statement of Community Involvement'. All relevant stakeholders are informed of the document with the Local Policy Forum (comprising key stakeholders who have expressed an interest in shaping new planning policy for the Borough) involved from the outset in shaping an initial 'issues and options' document. The main features of public involvement are:

- The use of a Swindon Local Policy Forum to carry out consultation at the start of the process;
- Public consultation at the pre-submission stage on key issues and preferred options; and
- Formal public consultation at the stage of draft submission to the DCLG. Where possible, consultation events will be linked in with those for the Sustainable Community Strategy.

At all stages, the Borough Council will keep all interested parties up to date on progress through the Local Policy Newsletter, which will be distributed to stakeholders, and public buildings around the Borough.

Justification for Preparation

There will be a need to review core policies of the saved Local Plan the light of both RSS and regular policy monitoring. This review will update core policies, and facilitate the production of site specific allocations and AAP's.

Key Milestones

Issues and Options (Reg 25) Consultation	Oct 2006 – May 2007
Preferred Options (Reg 26) Consultation	March 2008
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	June\July 2009 (dates not yet available)
Publication (incl. Consultation)	July – September 2009
Submission	October 2009
Pre Hearing Meeting	December 2009
Hearing Sessions	Feb-March 2010
Inspectors Report	July 2010
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	July\Aug 2010
Adoption	Sept 2010

When will the document be reviewed?

The Core Strategy will provide a comprehensive framework for development in the Borough beneath which more detailed policy can be developed. It will provide the context for the submission of comprehensive applications for strategic developments and establish key development control policies with Borough wide application. It will remain 'live' until replaced following a review of RSS, or until monitoring indicates that its policies are no longer relevant for development control purposes. A Proposals Map will be produced where aspects of the Core Strategy require map-based representation. This Map will supersede those elements of the Local Plan that are not saved and will be completed on adoption of Site Specific allocations in settlements , which are programmed for adoption in May 2011, following the outcome of the Inquiry into the Core Strategy.

c) Site Allocations (and Proposals Map)

What is its purpose?

- To update allocations for development to support the revised Core Strategy where necessary.
- To ensure that the Borough is able to deliver the requirements of the Core Strategy.
- To provide a policy context for regeneration and renewal initiatives in settlements.

What geographical area will it cover?

Swindon Borough, with specific allocations.

What is the Chain of Conformity?

With the Core Strategy.

What are the links to the Community Strategy \ Corporate Plan?

Community Strategy - Creating a Swindon for the Future; An Economically Prosperous Place; A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations; (and also A Healthy and Caring Place and Keeping Swindon Safe)

Corporate Plan - To regenerate the town centre into a vibrant heart for the town and Borough; to ensure that significant new developments are not approved before the full transport implications are evaluated and plans for funding and implementation are in place.

Other Council Plans \ Strategies - Housing Needs Survey; Housing Strategy; Swindon Housing Market Survey; Swindon Employment Land Survey; Open Space Audit and Assessment; Schools Organisation Plan; Local Transport Plan; Culture and Leisure Strategy; Economic Strategy, Climate Change Strategy; TNSC's 'Regeneration Framework'.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will The Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

No.

Project Managers

The Project Manager for the Site Allocations and Proposals Map will be the Forward Planning Manager, Swindon Borough Council.

Internal Partners

The principal internal partners for the preparation of the Site Allocations and Proposals Map will be:-

- Director of Environment and Regeneration
- Director, Community
- Director of Law and Democratic Services
- Director of Transportation
- Development Manager
- Director of Property and Technical Services
- Director of Housing
- Director of Adult Services
- Director of Children's Services

External Partners

The principal external partners for the preparation of the Site Allocations and Proposals Map will be;

- TNSC (prepared in partnership with SBC)
- DCLG and DEFRA via GOSW
- Planning Inspectorate
- English Heritage
- South West Regional Assembly
- South West Regional Development Agency
- English Partnerships
- Environment Agency
- Highways Agency

- Natural England
- Countryside Commission
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
- Local Councils and Community groups
- Landowners and Developers with land interests
- Wiltshire County Council
- The Developers Forum
- The Community Forum
- The Swindon Local Policy Forum

Resources, Staffing and Budgets

Staff resources are primarily from the Forward Planning Group. It is expected that the project will be lead from Forward Planning Group, with much of the technical work and justification coming from the Strategic Policy Project team, with policy formulation likely to be undertaken by the Borough-wide Policy Project team. The project will be supported by the shared resource of a GIS Technician. In addition to the progression of the site allocations, the Forward Planning team will be responsible for the progression of the Core Strategy, AAP's, Minerals and Waste Development Documents, (in partnership with Wiltshire County Council), SCI, SPG\SPD and the Annual Monitoring Report. The Group are also responsible for leading on the region's ambitious growth agenda for Swindon, which has significant linkages and cross-overs with the Core Strategy – the principal planning document for delivery of strategic growth.

Financial resources have been identified to cover the preparation of Site Allocations for inclusion in the Borough Council's short and medium term budget plans. The preparation of the Site Allocations will be undertaken largely 'in house' but will necessitate the procurement of external resources or expertise where existing information or assessments may require updating. The Proposals Maps will also require external printing. Additionally, permanent or temporary staff may need to be secured if existing staff leave prior to, or during production of the Strategy.

Constraints, Risk and Contingencies

The main constraints on the preparation of the site allocations are any possible delays in the publication of RSS or the Core Strategy and the loss of permanent staff. Currently, recruitment of experienced and able staff is difficult for planning departments in general. This would be a particular concern if experienced staff were to be lost once work on the site allocations has commenced. The only realistic contingency open to the Borough Council in the event of staff losses would be to seek the employment of temporary staff or use consultants if budgets are maintained for this purpose. Other existing staff are fully occupied meeting other priorities.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement

Community and Stakeholder involvement will be in accord with the Borough Council's 'Statement of Community Involvement'. All relevant stakeholders will be informed of document with the Local Policy Forum (comprising key stakeholders who have expressed an interest in shaping new planning policy for the Borough) involved from the outset in shaping an initial 'issues and options' document. The main features of public involvement are likely to be:-

- The use of the Swindon Local Policy Forum to carry out consultation at the start of the process.
- Public consultation at the pre-submission stage on key issues and preferred options.
- Formal public consultation at the stage of draft submission to CLG.

At all stages, the Borough Council will keep all interested parties up to date on progress through the Local Policy Newsletter, which will be distributed to stakeholders, and public buildings around the Borough.

Justification for Preparation

There will be a need to review the site allocations in the Local Plan, 2011 in the light of both RSS and regular policy monitoring. This review will facilitate the production of up to date site specific allocations and AAP's. The Site Allocations will complete the Proposals Map, which may include aspects of the Core Strategy that require map-based representation.

Key Milestones

Pre-production / survey / community engagement	April '08 – Sept'10
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	March – April '09
Consultation	May – June '09
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Sept 2010
Publication (incl. Consultation)	Sept - Nov 2010
Submission	Dec 2010
Pre Hearing Meeting	Feb 2011
Hearing Sessions	Apr 2011
Inspectors Report	Aug 2011
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Sept 2011
Adoption	Oct 2011

When will the document be reviewed?

The site allocations will provide a detailed framework of locations at which the Borough's development requirements arising from RSS and the Core Strategy can be located. It will establish policies and priorities for regeneration and renewal within Swindon's settlements and will remain 'live' until replaced following a review of the Core Strategy or until annual monitoring indicates that its policies are no longer relevant for development control purposes, or until a review of RSS requires the allocation of additional sites. The Proposals Map will be amended accordingly.

(d) Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals and Waste Local Development Documents

(1) Wiltshire & Swindon LDD's for Minerals to 2026

What will the documents be called?

- Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Core Strategy DPD;
- Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Development Control Policies DPD; and
- Wiltshire & Swindon Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations DPD.

(i) Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Core Strategy: 2006 – 2026

What is its purpose?

The Minerals Core Strategy sets out the Spatial Vision, Strategic Objectives and development strategy covering minerals provision up to 2026. It also sets out the *key* strategic policies relevant to the determination of planning applications for minerals development.

What geographical area will it cover?

The whole of Swindon Borough and Wiltshire (comprising the 4 District Council areas of: Kennet, West Wiltshire, Salisbury and North Wiltshire but excluding land comprising part of the New Forest National Park Authority²).

What is the Chain of Conformity?

The Minerals Core Strategy will need to accord generally with the policy framework set out in the Adopted Wiltshire Structure Plan 2016 until replaced by the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).

What are the links to the Community Strategy \ Corporate Plan?

Community Strategy – A Place, which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations;
Corporate Plan – An Economically Prosperous Place; An Environmentally Friendly Place; and
Other Council Plans \ Strategies – Swindon Borough Local Plan; Local Transport Plan.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will the Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

Yes, with Wiltshire County Council.

Project Managers

The Project Manager at Swindon Borough Council for the Minerals Core Strategy will be the Forward Planning Manager, Swindon Borough Council.

When will the documents be reviewed?

All documents that comprise the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework will be monitored on an annual basis, along with the Minerals & Waste Development Scheme. The extent to which the documents will require formal review will be determined by a range of factors including: policy performance, the need for additional site allocations, amendments to national / regional policy etc. More detailed proposals are outlined in the Monitoring and Implementation Framework and the Annual Monitoring Report.

² The northernmost boundary of the New Forest National Park Authority includes a small area of former Salisbury District Council – comprising land in the Parishes of Landford, Redlynch and Whiteparish. The National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council are in the process of preparing Minerals and Waste LDD's for this area.

Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Core Strategy DPD Key Milestones:	
Stage	Milestone
Issues and Options (Reg. 25) Consultation	Up to November 2005
Preferred Options (Reg. 26) Consultation	June 2006
Revised Preferred Options (Reg. 26) Consultation	May 2007
Report to Cabinet and Full Council for the purposes of approving the document for Submission	Dec 2007\Jan 2008
Submission to SoS and consultation	March 2008
Pre Hearing Meeting	Sept 2008
Hearing Sessions	Nov'08 – Jan'09
Inspectors Report	Feb 2009
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	March\April 2009
Adoption	April 2009

(ii) Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Development Control Policies

What is its purpose?

The Minerals Development Control Policies document sets out a limited suite of generic policies designed to assist with the process of determining planning applications for minerals development. In principle the document will share the same horizon as the Core Strategy – i.e. 2026; but as with all documents in the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework it will be subject to regular monitoring and review.

What geographical area will it cover?

The whole of Swindon Borough and Wiltshire (comprising the four District Council areas of: Kennet, West Wiltshire, Salisbury and North Wiltshire but excluding land comprising part of the New Forest National Park Authority³).

What is the Chain of Conformity?

The document must show general conformity with the Minerals Core Strategy (once adopted). In addition the policy framework must accord with national policy statements as well as the Wiltshire Structure Plan (until replaced) and the RSS (once adopted).

What are the links to the Community Strategy \ Corporate Plan?

Community Strategy – A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations
Corporate Plan – An Economically Prosperous Place; An Environmentally Friendly Place;
Other Council Plans \ Strategies – Swindon Borough Local Plan; Local Transport Plan.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will the Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

Yes, with Wiltshire County Council.

Project Managers

The Project Manager at Swindon Borough Council for the Minerals will be the Forward Planning Manager, Swindon Borough Council.

When will the documents be reviewed?

All documents that comprise the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework will be monitored on an annual basis, along with the Minerals & Waste Development Scheme. The extent to

³ The northernmost boundary of the New Forest National Park Authority includes a small area of former Salisbury District Council – comprising land in the Parishes of Landford, Redlynch and Whiteparish. The National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council are in the process of preparing Minerals and Waste LDD's for this area.

which the documents will require formal review will be determined by a range of factors including: policy performance, the need for additional site allocations, amendments to national / regional policy etc. More detailed proposals are outlined in the Monitoring and Implementation Framework and the Annual Monitoring Report.

Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Development Control Policies DPD	
Key Milestones:	
Stage	Milestone
Issues and Options (Reg. 25) Consultation	Up to November 2005
Preferred Options (Reg. 26) Consultation	June 2006
Revised Preferred Options (Reg. 26) Consultation	July 2007
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	March\April 2008
Submission to SoS and Consultation (Reg. 28)	July 2008
Pre Examination Meeting	Dec 2009
Public Examination	Jan 2009
Inspectors Report	Apr 2009
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	May\June 2009
Adoption	June 2009

(iii) Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Site Allocations

What is its purpose?

The Minerals Site Allocations document provides detailed local expression to the Minerals Core Strategy in terms of formally identifying land for future mineral (aggregates) working and aggregate recycling facilities. In principle the document will share the same horizon as the Core Strategy – i.e. 2026; but as with all documents in the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework it will be subject to regular monitoring and review.

What geographical area will it cover?

The whole of Swindon Borough and Wiltshire (comprising the 4 District Council areas of: Kennet, West Wiltshire, Salisbury and North Wiltshire but excluding land comprising part of the New Forest National Park Authority⁴).

What is the ‘Chain of Conformity’?

The document must show general conformity with the Minerals Core Strategy (once adopted). In addition the policy framework must accord with national policy statements as well as the Wiltshire Structure Plan (until replaced) and the RSS (once adopted).

What are the links to the Community Strategy \ Corporate Plan?

Community Strategy – A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations;
Corporate Plan – An Economically Prosperous Place; An Environmentally Friendly Place; and
Other Council Plans \ Strategies – Swindon Borough Local Plan; Local Transport Plan.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will the Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

Yes, with Wiltshire County Council.

⁴ The northernmost boundary of the New Forest National Park Authority includes a small area of former Salisbury District Council – comprising land in the Parishes of Landford, Redlynch and Whiteparish. The National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council are in the process of preparing Minerals and Waste LDD's for this area.

Project Managers

The Project Manager at Swindon Borough Council for the Minerals Site Allocations DPD will be the Forward Planning Manager, Swindon Borough Council.

When will the documents be reviewed?

All documents that comprise the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework will be monitored on an annual basis, along with the Minerals & Waste Development Scheme. The extent to which the documents will require formal review will be determined by a range of factors including: policy performance, the need for additional site allocations, amendments to national / regional policy etc. More detailed proposals are outlined in the Monitoring and Implementation Framework and the Annual Monitoring Report.

Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals Site Allocations DPD	
Key Milestones:	
Stage	Milestone
Pre production / survey / community engagement	Sept '08 – Jan '10
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Nov 2009
Publication (incl. Consultation)	Nov 2009
Submission	March 2010
Pre Hearing Meeting	May 2010
Hearing Sessions	July 2010
Inspectors Report	Oct 2010
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Nov\Dec 2010
Adoption	Dec 2010

(2) Wiltshire & Swindon LDD's for Waste to 2026

What will the documents be called?

- Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Core Strategy DPD;
- Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Development Control Policies DPD; and
- Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Site Allocations DPD.

(i) Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Core Strategy: 2006 – 2026

What is its purpose?

The Waste Core Strategy sets out the Spatial Vision, Strategic Objectives and development strategy covering waste management provision up to 2026. It also sets out the *key* strategic policies relevant to the determination of planning applications for waste development.

What geographical area will it cover?

The whole of Swindon Borough and Wiltshire (comprising the four District Council areas of: Kennet, West Wiltshire, Salisbury and North Wiltshire but excluding land comprising part of the New Forest National Park Authority⁵).

What is the Chain of Conformity?

The Waste Core Strategy will need to accord generally with the policy framework set out in the Adopted Wiltshire Structure Plan 2016 until replaced by the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).

⁵ The northernmost boundary of the New Forest National Park Authority includes a small area of former Salisbury District Council – comprising land in the Parishes of Landford, Redlynch and Whiteparish. The National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council are in the process of preparing Minerals and Waste LDD's for this area.

What are the links to the Community Strategy\Corporate Plan?

Community Strategy – A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations

Corporate Plan – An Environmentally Friendly Place; and

Other Council Plans \ Strategies – Swindon Borough Local Plan, Local Transport Plan, Waste Strategy.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will the Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

Yes, with Wiltshire County Council.

When will the documents be reviewed?

All documents that comprise the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework will be monitored on an annual basis, along with the Minerals & Waste Development Scheme. The extent to which the documents will require formal review will be determined by a range of factors including: policy performance, the need for additional site allocations, amendments to national / regional policy etc. More detailed proposals are outlined in the Monitoring and Implementation Framework and the Annual Monitoring Report.

Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Core Strategy DPD	
Key Milestones:	
Stage	Milestone
Issues and Options (Reg. 25) Consultation	November 2005
Preferred Options (Reg. 26) Consultation	June 2006
Revised Preferred Options (Reg. 26) Consultation	May 2007
Report to Cabinet and Full Council for the purposes of approving the document for Submission	Dec 2007\Jan 2008
Submission to SoS and Consultation (Reg. 28)	March 2008
Pre-Examination Meeting	July 2008
Public Examination	Oct 2008
Inspectors Report	Jan 2009
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Feb\March 2009
Adoption	April 2009

(ii) Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Development Control Policies

What is its purpose?

The Waste Development Control Policies document sets out a limited suite of generic policies designed to assist with the process of determining planning applications for waste development. In principle the document will share the same horizon as the Waste Core Strategy – i.e. 2026; but as with all documents in the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework it will be subject to regular monitoring and review.

What geographical area will it cover?

The whole of Swindon Borough and Wiltshire (comprising the four District Council areas of: Kennet, West Wiltshire, Salisbury and North Wiltshire but excluding land comprising part of the New Forest National Park Authority⁶).

What is the Chain of Conformity?

⁶ The northernmost boundary of the New Forest National Park Authority includes a small area of former Salisbury District Council – comprising land in the Parishes of Landford, Redlynch and Whiteparish. The National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council are in the process of preparing Minerals and Waste LDD's for this area.

The document must show general conformity with the Waste Core Strategy (once adopted). In addition the policy framework must accord with national policy statements (without repetition) as well as the Wiltshire Structure Plan (until replaced) and the RSS (once adopted).

What are the links to the Community Strategy\Corporate Plan?

Community Strategy – A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations;
Corporate Plan – An Environmentally Friendly Place; and
Other Council Plans \ Strategies – Swindon Borough Local Plan, Local Transport Plan, Waste Strategy.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will the Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

Yes, with Wiltshire County Council.

When will the documents be reviewed?

All documents that comprise the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework will be monitored on an annual basis, along with the Minerals & Waste Development Scheme. The extent to which the documents will require formal review will be determined by a range of factors including: policy performance, the need for additional site allocations, amendments to national / regional policy etc. More detailed proposals are outlined in the Monitoring and Implementation Framework and the Annual Monitoring Report.

Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Development Control Policies DPD	
Key Milestones:	
Stage	Milestone
Issues and Options (Reg. 25) Consultation	November 2005
Preferred Options (Reg. 26) Consultation	June 2006
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Adoption	June 2009

(iii) Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Site Allocations

What is its purpose?

The Waste Site Allocations document provides detailed local expression to the Waste Core Strategy in terms of formally identifying land for future waste management facilities and cross-links to the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations DPD in terms of sites for aggregate recycling facilities. In principle the document will share the same horizon as the Core Strategy – i.e. 2026; but as with all documents in the Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals & Waste Development Framework it will be subject to regular monitoring and review.

What geographical area will it cover?

The whole of Swindon Borough and Wiltshire (comprising the four District Council areas of: Kennet, West Wiltshire, Salisbury and North Wiltshire but excluding land comprising part of the New Forest National Park Authority⁷).

⁷ The northernmost boundary of the New Forest National Park Authority includes a small area of former Salisbury District Council – comprising land in the Parishes of Landford, Redlynch and Whiteparish. The National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council are in the process of preparing Minerals and Waste LDD's for this area.

What is the ‘Chain of Conformity’?

The document must show general conformity with the Waste Core Strategy (once adopted). In addition the policy framework must accord with national policy statements (without repetition) as well as the Wiltshire Structure Plan (until replaced) and the RSS (once adopted).

What are the links to the Community Strategy\Corporate Plan?

Community Strategy – A Place which values its Environment and Safeguards it for Future Generations;

Corporate Plan – An Environmentally Friendly Place; and

Other Council Plans \ Strategies – Swindon Borough Local Plan, Local Transport Plan, Waste Strategy.

Will it be a Development Plan Document?

Yes.

Will the Borough Council work in partnership with another LA?

Yes, with Wiltshire County Council.

When will the documents be reviewed?

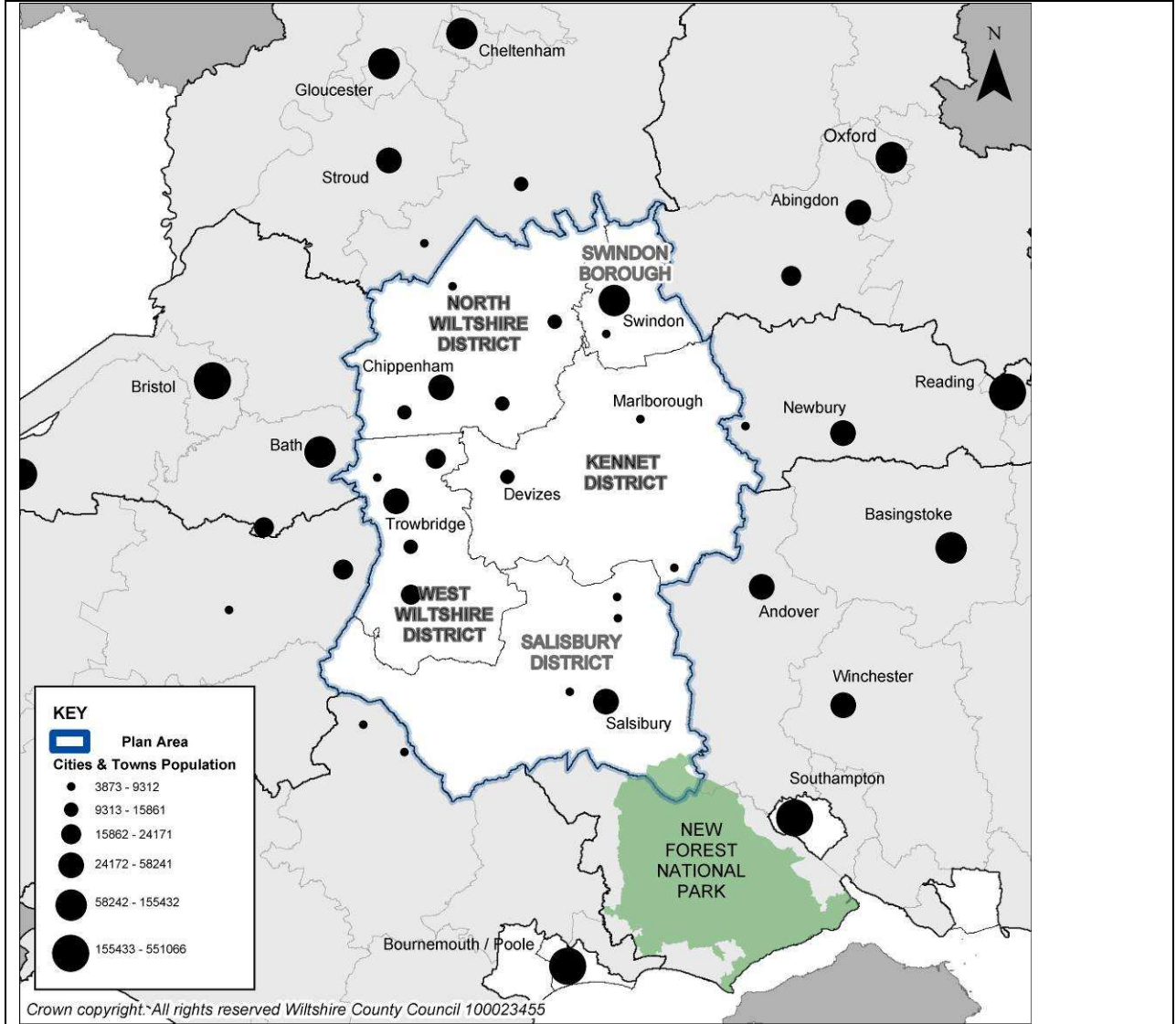
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Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Site Allocations DPD	
Key Milestones:	
Stage	Milestone
Pre production / survey / community engagement	Sept '08 – Jan '10
Report to Cabinet and Full Council	Nov 2009
Publication (incl.Consultation)	Sept 2009
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Appendix 3

Area covered by the Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals LDD's and Waste LDD's

The Plan Area for Minerals and Waste LDD's comprises the County of Wiltshire and the Borough of Swindon.



Appendix 4 - Generic Statement for Minerals and Waste LDD's

Project Managers for Minerals and Waste LDD's

The Project Managers for the Minerals and Waste LDD's will be the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Team Leaders at Wiltshire County Council.

Internal Partners for Minerals and Waste LDD's

The principal internal partners for preparation of LDD's will be:

- Director of Environment and Regeneration
- Director of Community
- Director of Law and Democratic Services
- Countryside Manager
- Swindon Services (Enforcement & Recycling)
- Director of Transportation
- Development Manager
- Director of Property and Technical Services

External Partners for Minerals and Waste LDD's

The principal external partners for preparation of MWLDD's will be:

- DCLG and DEFRA via GOSW
- Planning Inspectorate
- Environment Agency
- Highways Agency
- Natural England
- Countryside Commission
- English Heritage
- South West Regional Assembly, plus the advisory bodies for minerals (RAWP) and waste (RTAB)
- Wiltshire District Councils
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
- Members of the Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Forum and Waste Forum, including local environmental groups, minerals and waste companies, and local councils.

Resources, Staffing and Budgets for Minerals and Waste LDD's

Staff resources are primarily in the Local Policy teams at Wiltshire County Council and the Forward Planning Group at Swindon Borough Council. The County Council's Local Policy team consists of a Team Leader, two Senior Planners and two Planning Technicians. The Borough Council's Forward Planning Group has a Senior Officer responsible for Waste Planning and an Officer responsible for Minerals Planning, though these work areas do not constitute their main roles.

Financial resources required are to be identified during preparation of the LDS, for inclusion in the Borough Council's medium term budget plans. Procurement of services, when required, will be lead by the County Council. The County Council's Procurement Officer has been consulted about the areas of work likely to be handled by external consultants and normal County Council procurement rules will apply.

A Service Level Agreement is being progressed to clarify the plan-making partnership between the County and Borough Councils. The County and Borough Councils have agreed that the latter will contribute 3% of the production costs of the MLDD's and 22% of the WLDD's, excluding staff costs.

Constraints, Risk and Contingencies for Minerals and Waste LDD's

The main constraints on preparation of LDD's would be loss of staff or reductions in budget, particularly at Wiltshire County Council. Currently, recruitment of experienced and able staff is difficult for planning departments in general, and the continuing uncertainty about career prospects at County Councils is no help at all. The Borough Councils contingency position to respond to staff losses would be to seek to fill posts temporarily, or to employ consultants if required.

The only realistic contingency open to the County Council in the event of staff losses or budget cuts will be to revise its LDD preparation programmes accordingly. As the minor partner in the production of

MWLDD's, the Borough Council would have to respect any revision in production programmes for these reasons.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement for Minerals and Waste LDD's

Community and Stakeholder involvement will be in accord with the Borough Council's 'Statement of Community Involvement'. The main features will be:-

- Use of a Minerals Forum and a Waste Forum principally to carry out informal consultation in the early stages of LDD preparation, through discussions of such matters as key issues, options and sustainability.
- Public consultation at the pre-submission stages, on key issues and a preferred option.
- Formal public consultation at the stage of submission of draft LDD's to DCLG, with objections being recorded individually and reported to the Planning Inspectorate in preparation for the public examinations (including Hearing sessions if required).

Appendix 5 - Adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance and Development Control Guidance Notes to be Saved

Conservation Areas (June 2003)

Conservation Area Appraisals (June 2003) (updated in part by new Individual Conservation Area Appraisals for a number of the Borough's Conservation Areas)

Affordable Housing (August 2004) (updated in part by the S106 Contributions Guidance Note)

Open Space and New Housing Development (August 2004) (updated in part by the S106 Contributions Guidance Note)

The Provision of Public Art (August 2004) (updated in part by the S106 Contributions Guidance Note)

Developer Contributions to Education Facilities (August 2004) (updated in part by the S106 Contributions Guidance Note)

Noise and Residential Development (August 2004)

Access for All (December 2004)

Archaeology (December 2004)

Buildings of Significant Local Interest (December 2004)

Community Forest (December 2004) (updated in part by the S106 Contributions Guidance Note)

Good Design – House Extensions (December 2004)

Landscape Character Areas (December 2004)

Listed Buildings (December 2004)

Tree Protection on Development Sites (December 2004)

Waste Audits and Recycling Requirements of New Development (February 2005)

Swindon Central Area Regeneration Framework Principles (January 2006)

Central Area Public Realm Contributions (August 2006)

S106 Contributions Guidance Note (September 2006)

A Public Realm Strategy for Central Swindon (August 2006) (This document has been adopted as an SPD)

Swindon Design Guide (December 2006) (This document has been adopted as a DCGN)

Infill and Backland Development (May 2007) (This document has been adopted as an SPD)

Nature Conservation (August 2007) (This document has been adopted as a DCGN)

Sustainable Construction (December 2007) (This document has been adopted as an SPD)

Revised Residential Parking Standards (December 2007) (This document has been adopted as an SPD)

This information about the Swindon Borough Local Development Scheme (2nd Review) is available on the internet at <http://www.swindon.gov.uk> It can be produced in a range of languages and formats (such as large print, Braille or other accessible formats) by contacting the Customer Services Department.

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