



SALISBURY
CITY COUNCIL



Phase 1: Preparing Salisbury City Council's Initial Response to the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites

Following Wiltshire Council's publication of the Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan Preparation and the Local Plan Timetable, Salisbury City Council will undertake a coordinated Phase 1 programme of work to prepare its initial response to the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation and priority Call for Sites submissions, both of which conclude on 30 September 2026. The programme will establish Salisbury City Council's initial evidence-led position, identify key planning priorities, opportunities and evidence gaps, and provide the foundation for the Council's continued engagement throughout the preparation of the Wiltshire Local Plan.

Programme Overview

This Phase 1 programme establishes a structured, evidence-led approach to Local Plan preparation, ensuring Salisbury City Council is positioned as an active and constructive partner from the outset. The seven interconnected workstreams support the Council's initial response to the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites, while establishing the foundations for continued engagement throughout the preparation of the Wiltshire Local Plan.

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Early Engagement with Wiltshire Council	Prepare the Salisbury Scoping Evidence Pack	Salisbury City Council Call for Sites
July 2026 — Establish collaborative working relationship and communication arrangements	July 2026 — Compile internal working document drawing on existing evidence and service input	July – September 2026 — Identify, assess and promote potential development sites
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Strategic Land Review	Councillor, Stakeholder & Community Engagement	Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation Response
July – September 2026 — Monitor promoted sites and identify future land requirements	August – September 2026 — Test and refine positions through structured engagement	September 2026 — Prepare, approve and submit formal response before 30 September
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Programme Coordination		
July – September 2026 — Ensure milestones are met and Members are updated		

□ The workstreams collectively inform Salisbury City Council's Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation response and priority Call for Sites submissions by 30 September 2026. They also establish the Council's evidence base and priorities for continued engagement throughout the preparation of the Wiltshire Local Plan. The Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan serves as the primary evidence base throughout.

Phase 1 Key Outputs

The following outputs will be delivered by the end of September 2026, forming the foundation for all subsequent phases of Local Plan engagement.

Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation Response

Formal submission to Wiltshire Council ahead of the 30 September 2026 deadline.

Priority Call for Sites Submissions

Identified and assessed development sites promoted on behalf of Salisbury City Council.

Salisbury Scoping Evidence Pack

Consolidated internal working document drawing on existing evidence and service input.

Initial Strategic Land Position

Review of promoted sites and an assessment of future land requirements for Salisbury.

Evidence Gap Register

Record of areas where further evidence is required to support the Local Plan response.

Framework for Phase 2

A structured plan for continued engagement, site assessment and policy development.

Early Engagement with Wiltshire Council

The purpose of early engagement is to establish a positive and collaborative working relationship with Wiltshire Council from the outset of Local Plan preparation. Early engagement will help ensure Salisbury City Council is involved throughout the process, rather than only responding during formal consultation periods. It will also help clarify Wiltshire Council's evidence programme, methodology, expectations of Town and Parish Councils, information-sharing arrangements and opportunities for technical collaboration before SCC develops the detailed scope of later phases.

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Formal Communication

Send an official letter welcoming the commencement of the Wiltshire Local Plan. Recognise the opportunity to build on lessons learned from the previous Local Plan examination. Confirm SCC's commitment to supporting the preparation of a sound and deliverable Local Plan. Offer to work collaboratively throughout every stage of plan preparation. Offer SCC's assistance in engaging residents, businesses, community organisations and neighbouring parish councils.

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Officer Liaison

Request regular officer liaison meetings. Meet with Wiltshire Council officers to discuss the Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites process. Establish clear communication arrangements between the two authorities to ensure consistent and timely information sharing throughout the plan preparation period.



Outcome: Wiltshire Council recognises Salisbury City Council as an active and constructive partner throughout the Local Plan process. Regular dialogue is established, allowing local issues to be discussed early and collaborative engagement opportunities identified.

Prepare the Salisbury Scoping Evidence Pack

The Evidence Pack is an internal working document, not the consultation response itself. It will bring together and synthesise existing information about Salisbury, identify the city's planning issues, opportunities and constraints, and provide the foundation for SCC's formal response to the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation. It will also record evidence gaps and matters requiring further consideration during later stages of the Local Plan process.

Evidence Review

Review and synthesise existing evidence including:

- Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Previous Wiltshire Local Plan evidence
- Inspector's findings from the previous examination
- Existing transport, infrastructure and air quality studies
- Flood risk, heritage and environmental evidence

Internal Service Review

Undertake an internal review with Council services including Environment, Communities, Parks and Open Spaces, Assets and Property, Cemetery, Markets and Events, Information Centre, Corporate Services and the Senior Management Team

Identify and Summarise

- Salisbury today — key planning issues and future opportunities
- Constraints to development and infrastructure priorities
- Evidence gaps and future work requirements
- Questions for councillors, stakeholders and community engagement

Phase 1 will use and consolidate existing evidence.

Any need for new or updated technical work will be recorded and considered through the later programme.

Salisbury City Council Call for Sites

To ensure Salisbury City Council plays an active role in identifying, assessing and promoting appropriate development, regeneration and infrastructure opportunities for Salisbury through Wiltshire Council's Call for Sites process. This includes identifying sites that could help meet future housing, employment, community infrastructure, open space, transport and regeneration needs, ensuring Salisbury's priorities are considered from the earliest stage of Local Plan preparation.

1 — Understanding the Process

Review Wiltshire Council's Call for Sites guidance, submission requirements and assessment methodology. Identify submission deadlines and validation requirements. Establish an internal programme for reviewing and approving potential submissions.

2 — Identify Potential Sites

Review Council-owned land, previous Call for Sites submissions, previous Local Plan allocations, Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan evidence, brownfield land, underused sites, regeneration opportunities and infrastructure requirements. Invite councillors, neighbouring parish councils, landowners, developers, businesses and the community to identify potential sites.

3 — Site Assessment

Undertake an initial assessment of each potential site, considering planning policy, site constraints, accessibility, transport, heritage, ecology, flood risk, infrastructure, ownership, deliverability and potential future uses.

4 — Council Position & Submission

Determine Salisbury City Council's position on each site, including whether to promote Council-owned land, support third-party submissions, object to unsuitable sites, remain neutral or seek amendments. Prepare Member briefing reports and obtain approvals where required.

Key Outputs: Salisbury Potential Sites Register · Assessment summary for each site · Council position statement · Completed Call for Sites submissions · Member briefing report (if required) · Register of all Salisbury sites submitted to Wiltshire Council

Strategic Land Review and Call for Sites

This workstream will develop an initial understanding of land opportunities and constraints across Salisbury by monitoring Wiltshire Council's Call for Sites process, reviewing promoted sites and identifying land that may need to be protected, safeguarded or promoted. The purpose is to inform SCC's September response and identify matters requiring further work as the Local Plan develops.

Monitor & Review Promoted Sites

Monitor the launch and progress of the Call for Sites. Obtain details of submitted sites, maintain a Salisbury Site Register, and map promoted sites where possible. Assess all sites against:

- Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan and planning policy
- Transport, infrastructure and flood risk
- Heritage, landscape and green infrastructure
- Community facilities, walking and cycling
- Opportunities and constraints

Identify Salisbury's Future Land Needs

Work with councillors, officers, the Planning Adviser and stakeholders to identify land requirements for:

- Housing and employment
- Community facilities, healthcare and education
- Open space, sports and recreation
- Allotments and biodiversity
- Walking and cycling routes
- Flood mitigation and cemetery provision
- Renewable energy and brownfield regeneration

Strategic Land Position

Record initial opportunities, constraints and infrastructure requirements. Identify where cumulative impacts may require further assessment. Prepare an initial Salisbury Strategic Land Position to inform the September response and later stages of the Local Plan process.

Councillor, Stakeholder and Community Engagement

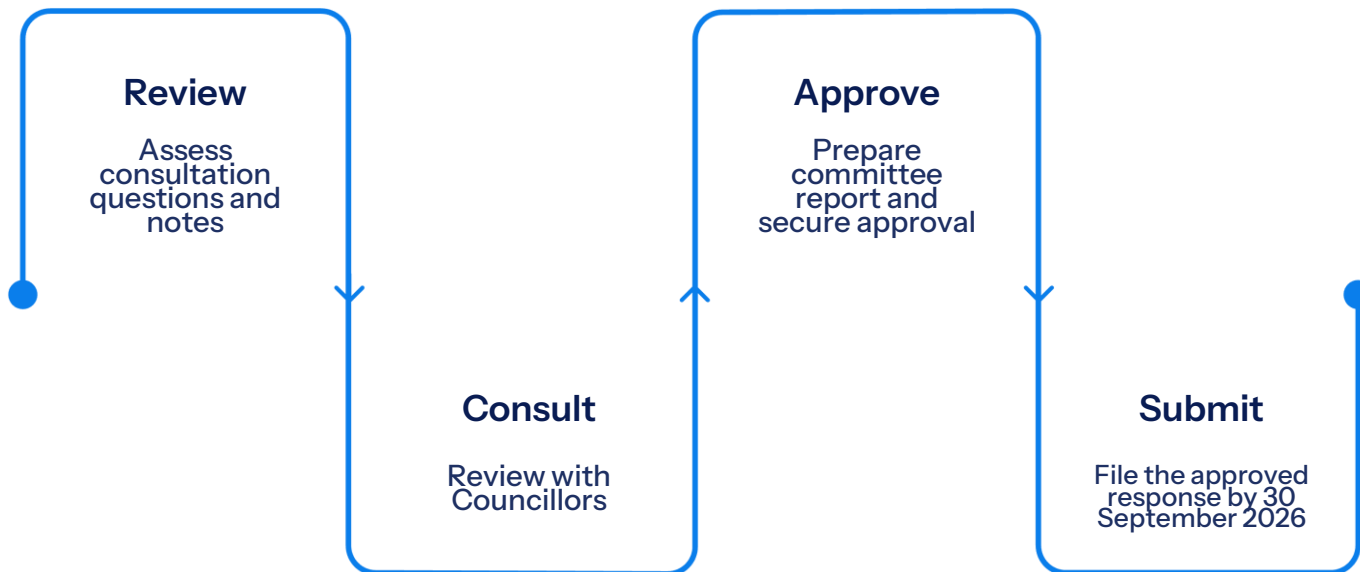
This workstream will test and strengthen the Salisbury Scoping Evidence Pack and Initial Strategic Land Position through engagement with councillors, key stakeholders and the community. It will build on the evidence gathered through the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan and focus on any new issues, priorities or opportunities that have emerged since its preparation.



Outcome: The Salisbury Scoping Evidence Pack and Initial Strategic Land Position are strengthened through Member involvement, professional planning advice, stakeholder expertise and targeted community engagement. The process ensures SCC's formal response is evidence-led, reflects local priorities and establishes a strong foundation for future stages of the Wiltshire Local Plan.

Prepare and Submit the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation Response

This workstream brings together the evidence and engagement undertaken during Phase 1 to prepare Salisbury City Council's formal response to Wiltshire Council's Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation. The submission will establish SCC's initial evidence-led position, help influence the scope and content of the emerging Local Plan, and provide the foundation for continued engagement through future consultation stages.



Outcome: Salisbury City Council submits a comprehensive response to the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation, establishing the Council's initial position on the emerging Wiltshire Local Plan and providing a strong foundation for continued engagement throughout the remaining stages of plan preparation.

Conclusion: Establishing Salisbury City Council's Initial Position

Phase 1 establishes Salisbury City Council's initial evidence-led position for the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation and priority Call for Sites submissions. It provides a coordinated framework for early engagement, evidence gathering and Member involvement, while creating a strong foundation for the Council's continued participation throughout the preparation of the Wiltshire Local Plan.



Early Engagement

Establish a collaborative working relationship with Wiltshire Council and maintain ongoing engagement throughout Local Plan preparation.



Evidence-Led Approach

Build on the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan and other existing evidence to establish SCC's initial evidence base and identify future evidence requirements.



Land & Infrastructure

Identify initial planning, land and infrastructure priorities and establish an initial Strategic Land Position to inform future stages of the Local Plan.



Engagement

Engage councillors, stakeholders and the community to strengthen SCC's initial position and ensure local priorities are reflected throughout the process.



Professional Advice

Continue to draw upon professional planning advice throughout the Local Plan process to support evidence-led decision-making.



Formal Submission

Submit Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation response that establishes SCC's initial position and informs its continued engagement in future consultation stages.