



Phase 1: Preparation for the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites

July – September 2026 – Salisbury City Council Local Plan Programme

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 programme of work to prepare for the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites — both of which conclude on 30 September 2026.

Programme Overview

This 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 work spans three months and encompasses seven interconnected workstreams, each contributing to a single, coherent formal submission by the September deadline.

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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		

- All workstreams culminate in a formal Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation response submitted by **30 September 2026**. The Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan serves as the primary evidence base throughout.

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 preparation of the Local Plan, rather than only responding during formal consultation periods. This proactive approach allows local issues to be discussed early, opportunities for collaborative engagement to be identified, and professional planning advice to be incorporated into SCC's approach from the outset.

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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.

2

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 — that brings together existing information about Salisbury, identifies the city's planning issues, opportunities and constraints, and provides the foundation for SCC's formal response to the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation. It will be refined through engagement during August before informing the final submission.

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

Identify and Summarise

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

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

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.

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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.

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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 focuses on understanding land opportunities and constraints across Salisbury by monitoring Wiltshire Council's Call for Sites process, reviewing promoted sites, and identifying land that Salisbury City Council believes should be protected, safeguarded or promoted to support the city's future needs. This enables SCC to influence future site selection using local evidence rather than reacting once allocations have been published.

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 opportunities, constraints and infrastructure requirements. Identify cumulative impacts. Prepare a Salisbury Strategic Land Position.

Councillor, Stakeholder and Community Engagement

To test, challenge and improve the Salisbury Scoping Evidence Pack and Strategic Land Position through structured engagement with councillors, stakeholders and the wider community. Councillor involvement should take place both before SCC develops its final position and during preparation of the formal response.

Stage 1 — Pre-consultation Member Workshops

Members consider Salisbury's vision, planning priorities, infrastructure needs, the Evidence Pack, Strategic Land Review, emerging issues and future land requirements. This ensures Member priorities are embedded before the formal response is drafted.

Stage 3 — Targeted Community Engagement

Undertake targeted engagement where additional local evidence is required, building on the consultation and evidence already gathered through the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Seek views on new or changed issues since the NDP was prepared, including planning priorities, infrastructure pressures, potential development sites, regeneration opportunities, local constraints and areas that should be protected.

Stage 2 — Stakeholder Engagement

Meet with Neighbouring parish councils, NHS, National Highways, Environment Agency, Natural England, Wessex Water, business representatives, community organisations and heritage organisations.

Stage 4 — Member Review During Response Preparation

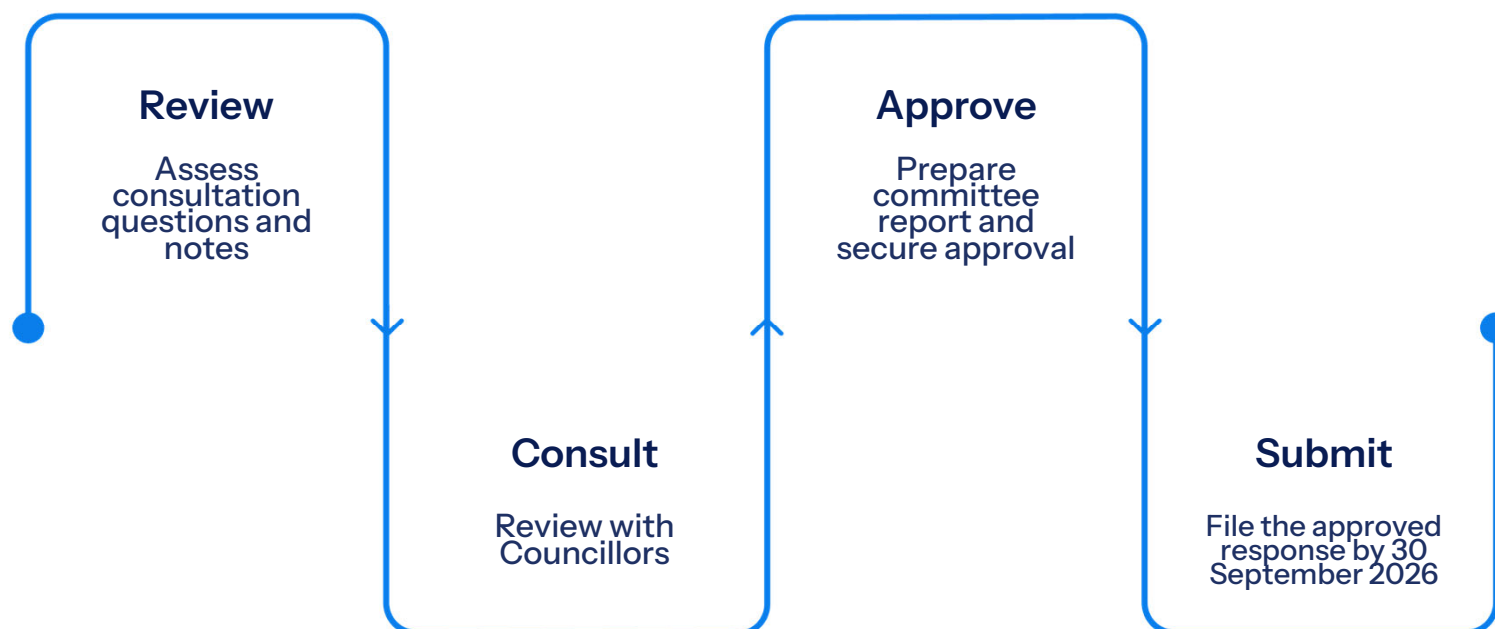
Once the draft Regulation 20 response has been prepared, present it to councillors, check whether it reflects priorities identified during workshops, consider amendments, and confirm the response accurately represents SCC's position before formal approval.



Outcome: The Evidence Pack and Strategic Land Position are strengthened through Member involvement, professional planning advice, stakeholder expertise and community feedback. Councillors help shape SCC's priorities before the response is drafted and have a further opportunity to review the draft response before it is submitted.

Prepare and Submit the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation Response

To prepare Salisbury City Council's formal response to Wiltshire Council's Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation using the evidence gathered and refined during July and August. The submission helps shape the content of the emerging Wiltshire Local Plan and establishes SCC's position for future consultation stages.



The draft response will reference the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan and all supporting evidence gathered during Phase 1. Councillors will have the opportunity to review the draft, propose amendments, and formally approve the response before submission. Any amendments agreed by Members will be incorporated prior to submission.

Outcome: Salisbury City Council submits a comprehensive and professionally reviewed response that reflects local evidence, Member priorities, stakeholder expertise and community views — establishing SCC's position for all future consultation stages of the Wiltshire Local Plan.

Conclusion: A Clear, Evidence-Led Position by 30 September 2026



Phase 1 will allow Salisbury City Council to prepare a clear, evidence-led position before responding to the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites. The programme ensures that SCC engages proactively, uses robust local evidence, involves councillors and the community, and submits a considered formal response that shapes the emerging Wiltshire Local Plan.



Early Engagement

Engage early with Wiltshire Council to establish a collaborative partnership from the outset of Local Plan preparation



Evidence-Led Approach

Use the Salisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan as the primary evidence base, supported by comprehensive internal service review



Land & Infrastructure

Identify Salisbury's planning and infrastructure priorities, review future land requirements, and proactively promote appropriate sites



Engagement

Involve councillors before and during the response process, and engage stakeholders and the wider community to test and refine SCC's position



Professional Advice

Use professional planning advice from SCC's Planning Adviser throughout to ensure a robust, sound and deliverable approach



Formal Submission

Submit a comprehensive, Member-approved Regulation 20 response before **30 September 2026**, establishing SCC's position for all future stages