

The Parish Council has reviewed the documents within the local plan review and have the following comments to make:

- 1. Proposed development policies:** The Parish Council is pleased to see that more weight will be given to protected green areas as Chiseldon Parish is located entirely within AONB designated land. We note the comments about utilities being under pressure due to an increased number of dwellings and share the same concerns. With regards to the market approach to housing mix, the Parish Council feel that there needs to be a mix of truly affordable housing and social housing in any new development approved.
- 2. Sustainability, deliverability and community infrastructure needs of the housing options presented.** With regards to the proposals at Wroughton, Chiseldon Parish council would make comment based on the proximity of the site(s). Chiseldon is already used as a “rat run” for traffic to Wroughton, onwards to Royal Wootton Bassett and now the new Wichelstowe development. This creates localised traffic issues and has a knock on effect at the busy and congested A346 and M4 J15. The closure of Day House Lane and roadworks at J15 will further exacerbate these issues. Any new developments in Wroughton will increase these issues in both frequency and severity.  
On a more general level, Swindon itself does not have the road infrastructure to accommodate extra dwellings. The Honda site at some 370 hectares does present the opportunity for a new brownfield site of dwellings to be created in the same manner as Tadpole Garden village. The consultation document states that less than 370 hectares is needed at the Honda site for economic employment which leaves land free for housing development.
- 3. Housing sites still under consideration.** Chiseldon Parish Councils comments on this are the same as the first consultation into this matter from 2018.
- 4. Employment Options.** The Parish council believe that in general a mix of small and large sites should be agreed on. Within Chiseldon Parish, the council believe that there are enough available small brownfield sites to satisfy employment options.
- 5. Employment Sites.** The Parish council has no comment to make
- 6. Gypsy & Traveller sites.** Chiseldon Parish is the home of the temporary traveller site known as “Chiseldon Firs”. On the majority of the recent occasions when this site was used (lawfully and unlawfully) the area was subject to vandalism and large levels of waste and anti-social behaviour. The Parish Council would question whether the site reflects good value for money for Swindon Borough Council. The permanent site at Hays Lane is cared for and appears to have facilities that the traveller and gypsy community require. The Parish Council question whether a new purpose built site should be built on part of the Honda site to ensure a facility that travellers want to use and will maintain and not abuse. In conclusion, we would recommend a new permanent site be created at the Honda location, or failing that, strict enforcement policies and procedures be in place at Chiseldon Firs to stop anti-social behaviour and destruction of the site facilities. Closer interaction between the police and the Parish Council on any enforcement matters would also be welcome.