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To all Swindon Borough Parish Clerks
By email only.

Please ask for: Planning Policy

Email: SwindonLocalPlan2043@swindon.gov.uk

Date: 1st September 2025

Dear Parish Clerk,

‘Swindon Local Plan 2023-2043’ Regulation 18 Public Consultation

I am writing to inform you that the new draft Swindon Borough Local Plan is now out for Regulation 18 consultation. The consultation runs for six weeks between **3:00pm Monday 1st September 2025 and 11:59pm on Monday 13th October 2025**.

The emerging Swindon Borough Local Plan will guide the future growth and development of the Borough up to 2043, with a wider strategic vision to 2055.

On adoption, the Local Plan to 2043 will replace the current Swindon Local Plan 2026. It will set the strategic vision for housing, employment, infrastructure, transport, and the environment to support sustainable growth that meets the needs of residents, businesses and the community.

The Local Plan is a key planning document. It sets out housing and employment needs and allocations, policies and strategies, and how we will meet national and local objectives to achieve economic growth across the Borough.

Regulation 18 consultation is the first statutory stage of consultation in the Local Plan development process. It represents an important opportunity for stakeholders, local residents, businesses, and statutory consultees to review our initial options and preferred proposals and provide feedback on the emerging Local Plan.

Please could you forward this letter to all your Parish Councillors. It would also be helpful if you could encourage your parishioners to get involved in the consultation, to view the documents and to submit their comments. Please find attached a poster which can be put up on parish noticeboards. You may also wish to use your parish websites and/ or social media to notify residents of the consultation.

The new Local Plan to 2043 can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<https://www.swindon.gov.uk/newlocalplan>. Hard copies of the Plan are available to view at Swindon Borough Council operated libraries and at the Civic Reception of the Council offices.

Comments should be submitted using the Council's engagement portal available from the website above. The Representation Form is also available to download and can be sent by email to SwindonLocalPlan2043@swindon.gov.uk, or by post to Planning Policy Team, 5th Floor, Swindon Borough Council, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon, SN1 2JH. More information on this can be found on the Council's website at: <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/newlocalplan>.

The Council is also holding **Engagement Sessions** which Parish Councillors and residents can attend to discuss the Local Plan. For each session, there will be a private briefing before the main engagement session which **ONLY** Parish and Ward Councillors can attend.

- **Date: Monday, 29 September 2025**
- **Private briefing (ONLY Parish and Ward Councillors): 4:30pm to 5:00pm**
- **Engagement Session (OPEN TO ALL): 5:00pm to 7:00pm**
- **Location: Central Community Centre, Emlyn Square, Swindon SN1 5BP**

- **Date: Thursday, 2 October 2025 (TBC - CHECK)**
- **Private briefing (ONLY Parish and Ward Councillors): 3:15pm to 3:45pm**
- **Engagement Session (OPEN TO ALL): 3:45pm to 5:45pm**
- **Location: Moredon Sporting Hub, Cheney Manor, Swindon SN2 2QJ**

- **Date: Monday, 6 October 2025**
- **Private briefing (ONLY Parish and Ward Councillors): 4:30pm to 5:00pm**
- **Engagement Session (OPEN TO ALL): 5.00pm to 7.00pm**
- **Location: Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 9LW**

Yours faithfully,

Richard Bell

Chief Planning Officer