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Economic Development and Planning
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Dear City/Town and Parish Councils

Introduction of Electronic Planning Consultations

For a number of years, we have been considering how we can address the ever-increasing costs of printing and posting hard copies of the planning applications to you for consultation. Last year we received more than 8000 applications.

We will in future be sending you a notification electronically, with a link to the website, to enable you to view the documents on the day the application is registered. This will give your councillors longer to comment (likely to be around 28 days rather than the current 21 days). This will also give better access to the plans for your councillors without waiting for circulation of the hard copies.

This letter is to inform you that as from Monday 31st July 2017 all applications for consultation will be sent electronically on the day of registration.

We realise that this will be a change to the way that we have been working and as such we need to help you with this. We are happy to give some training sessions on how best to use the website and comment on planning applications to help make this transition easier. If this is something that you would welcome, please email sally.canter@wiltshire.gov.uk, who will be able to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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