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The two timelines that we set out for the proposed programme of work sought to positively address the concerns they had raised in their letter received at the end of last year.

Having reviewed the council's proposed work programmes, the Inspectors have set out two options for the council, to either (i) withdraw the Local Plan from examination or (ii) request that the Inspectors draft a final report (which would recommend non-adoption). They don't require an immediate decision but have requested the council to provide an anticipated timescale for formally advising them of their decision on their options by 13 March 2026.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of Wiltshire Council, said: "To receive this letter is extremely disappointing given the significant work already undertaken and our willingness to address the issues raised."

"Our priority is to ensure that Wiltshire has a strong and effective planning strategy to meet the requirements for new homes and jobs for residents and to protect our natural and historic environment. We will be considering how best to proceed in the coming days, and a further update will follow."

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