



To the residents of
Erlestoke Village and Victoria Park

09 August 2024

Dear Resident,

PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT AT HMP ERLESTOKE

Following our letter of November 2023, informing you of our plan to deliver additional accommodation at HMP Erlestoke, I am now writing to provide you with an update on the preparatory works, the associated planning applications, and to invite you to a community drop-in session.

Delivering additional prison places and supporting ancillaries at HMP Erlestoke is part of a larger portfolio of work to deliver the additional prison places needed through the construction of six new prisons, as well as the expansion and refurbishment of the existing estate.

At HMP Erlestoke we intend to deliver three new houseblocks, creating 180 new places. The new houseblock design is a 60-bed, single occupancy houseblock that is small, secure and permanent build for the closed category C prison estate. It has a lifespan of approximately 60 years and will provide generous association space and natural light for the well-being of prisoners and staff. It will include necessary ancillaries such as a servery to receive hot food.

The houseblocks themselves will be built under Permitted Development Rights and do not require planning approval, however we have submitted two planning applications to Wiltshire Council, one for ground works and one for the build of a new light industrial workshop and education facility for prisoners:

- For a retaining wall and associated land profiling within the secure perimeter of the prison. The application has been validated by the planning authority and is available on their portal at <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/> under the reference PL/2024/03312.
- For construction of a single storey workshop building with solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roof and an external storeroom. This application has also been validated and is available on the portal under the reference PL/2024/03311.

Contractor activity around the existing prison will start to increase over the coming months as we start to prepare for construction. We will continue to ensure disruption to the local community is at an absolute minimum where possible.

We would like to invite you to a drop-in session where officials from the Ministry of Justice and the prison will be available to talk through our developments and answer any questions you may have.

The drop-in will be on Wednesday 21 August, 6-730pm at The New Pavilion, Dauntsey's, West Lavington, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4HE.

Please use the entrance off the B3098, and the pavilion is located at the far end of the car park near the astroturf sports pitches.

We are appreciative of your ongoing support and look forward to meeting with you to discuss the project.

Yours sincerely,

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