

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

**14 December 2010**

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**Item 5 – Public Participation**

**Question from Mr Michael Sprules, Chairperson of R.A.D.A.R (Residents Against Development Affecting Recreational Land) - Development of Parks and Outdoor Recreational Facilities**

As a result of the presentation given to Chippenham Town Council last night by Linden Homes, an Application for 78 residential dwellings, on Westinghouse Sports Ground, will be submitted to Wiltshire Council within the next ten days (and may already have been submitted by the date of Cabinet ).

Taking into account the Housing Land Availability Assessment, the response, to my e-mail to Martin Drennan at Sport England and the contents of the letter to my local Member of Parliament, Duncan Hames, from Invensys, does the Cabinet concur that an Application put forward on land that has been " Incorrectly Identified " as "Previously Developed Land", by third party Chartered Surveyors, could potentially set a disastrous precedent, that could leave ALL parks and outdoor recreational facilities AT RISK, from unscrupulous developers, throughout the whole of Wiltshire ?

May I thank the Cabinet for affording me the time, once again, to answer this question.

**Response**

While Cabinet notes the concerns expressed by Mr Sprules, the decision on any planning application can only be made after the Council has had an opportunity to fully consider a submission and its implications. Officers will clearly need to carry out a number of consultations and review the policy background before they can formulate a recommendation. It is therefore inappropriate for the Cabinet or any member to comment at this time on an application which is in the process of being submitted.