

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (2)

Meeting: Cabinet
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 19 April 2016
Time: 9.30 am

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 11 April 2016. Formal questions have since been received for the meeting which, together with responses, are now attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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Questions from the following together with responses :

Cllr Chris Caswill
Mr Ian James
Ms Marilyn Mackay
Mrs Helen Stuckey

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Public Participation

Questions from Cllr Chris Caswill

1. What specific steps have been taken to re-evaluate the relative merits of an Eastern or a Southern Link Road, and how can an open mind on this be demonstrated?
2. Has any further work been done on the traffic issues on Station Hill in Chippenham, which would result from a development on Rawlings Farm?
3. When will a revised Transport Strategy for Chippenham be (a) completed and (b) published.

Response

1&2. As set out in paragraph 13 of the Cabinet Report, two supplementary papers will be published relating to transport evidence - 'Supplement to Evidence Paper 3: Transport and Accessibility Part 1A - Strategic Site Options' and 'Supplement to Evidence Paper 3: Transport and Accessibility Part 2A - Alternative Development Strategies'. These provide the evidence undertaken as part of the enhanced methodology set out in the Schedule of Work (see Appendix 1, Cabinet Report). Consultants have been commissioned to prepare this supplementary evidence for the Council.

This information will be made available when the papers are published for the Council meeting on 10 May. In implementing the Schedule of Work, Officers are following the evidence and will set out their findings and judgement in full in the papers that are published for Council, which will be open for consultation in due course.

3. This work cannot be done until the development strategy for Chippenham has been identified.

Question

Further to minute no. 42 from the last meeting - Better Care Plan 2016/17, can it please be confirmed that consideration by the Health Select Committee of the Home First pilot scheme and the Better Care Plan budget will be welcome as contributions to effective development of both schemes?

Response

I understand that the Health Select Committee has established the Better Care Plan task group to provide oversight of the Plan, its finances and how it is functioning as well as schemes such as the HomeFirst pilot. An update on the implementation of Home First scheme will be considered at the task group meeting on 6 June 2016. Regular updates are provided to the Health Select Committee on the activity of the task group and Cabinet welcomes the contributions of the task group to the plan and in supporting the development of schemes such as HomeFirst.

Question

Further to minute no. 33 from the last meeting - Future of Wiltshire Council Provided Public Conveniences, can it please be confirmed that this Council would welcome a continuing conversation with Chippenham Town Council on the future of the two town centre toilets?

When will the cost benefit analysis of the two Chippenham town centre toilets be carried out, and by whom?

Will the specific criteria be made public?

Response

Wiltshire Council has asked to meet with Chippenham Town Council to discuss further the future provision of the two Wiltshire Council facilities in their area, not requested to be transferred.

Following confirmation from Chippenham Town Council, on their position, a cost benefit analysis will be completed by Wiltshire Council's Local Highway and Property Service sections on any facility not being transferred.

Public Participation

Questions from Mr Ian James

1. i) Was Mr Sturgis aware of the recommendation made by a Wiltshire Council Senior flood engineer when asked by the Wiltshire Planning department as to whether or not he would recommend development to the east of Chippenham?

ii) What was that recommendation?
2. Did Mr Sturgis see the photographs and comments sent to the planning department at Monkton Park on 24th December 2013 when the River Avon was bank full?
3. At the December 2015 cabinet meeting Mr Seed admitted that there was a risk to building upstream of Chippenham Town, do you agree with his assessment?
4. Will he agree that there is little risk to Chippenham Town or Melksham Town when developing downstream?
5. Are the results of the Environment Agency Modelling of the River Avon in Chippenham available to parish councils to review?
If not what date will they be made available?

Response

1. The potential issues pertaining to development to the east of Chippenham were identified by the Council's drainage staff. It is for this reason that consideration was given to mitigation measures in connection with any development.
2. The photographs were brought to my attention, and were passed on to the Environment Agency.
3. There are potential risks associated with any development, and it is important that any development has appropriate measures to reduce the flood risk. National Planning Policy aims to steer new development to Flood Zone 1 (i.e. areas with a low probability of flooding). It is evident that land is available upstream of Chippenham in Zone 1 and thus outside of Zones 2 and 3 (medium and high risk).

4. There are potential risks associated with any development, and it is important that any development has appropriate measures to reduce the flood risk. National Planning Policy aims to steer new development to Flood Zone 1 (i.e. areas with a low probability of flooding).
5. The Environment Agency modelling is anticipated to be completed shortly. It is expected that the Environment Agency will make it available as soon as it is complete. This should be in the next couple of months, but is a matter for the Environment Agency.

Public Participation

Questions from Ms Marilyn Mackay

1. Am I right in thinking Wiltshire Council had arranged to send the Inspector an 'update' in April? Why is this not being done now? Why are you now presenting a December 2015 letter as an 'update'? When do you plan to send the Inspector an 'update'?
2. Given your apparent willingness to have an 'open mind' on the CSAP, why is there no evidence of seriously re-evaluating the SLR, as fully as an ELR? PLUS, re-evaluating the Briefing Note 2 refusing development to the West of the A 350? Both South of the town of Chippenham, and West of the town of Chippenham, are in the Chippenham Community Area, Core Policy 10. Unlike the East, they are not flood zone areas, nor 'sensitive landscape' which you said should be protected by your Landscape policy. They are both closer than the East, to the PRN, and thus favourable in terms of economic 'growth', a key planning driver.

How can you continue proceeding with such a closed mind on these issues? You committed to having an 'open mind'. Demonstrate this please.

3. Can you provide evidence that a full public consultation supported bringing part of the Calne Community Area, Core Policy 8, into development for Chippenham? I know that you 'asserted' this should be done, but in my view this has not been done with public agreement/consultation. If I am wrong, can you show me the consultation in which this change was raised, between the two EiP hearings? The core strategy (2012) used to state that there would be no further strategic sites within CP 8, Calne Community Area. How and When and Why did this change? Evidence please that it was done democratically with full public support.
4. Will you provide a full Policies Map, relating to the CSAP, showing the inclusion of community area land NOT in CP 10?
5. What is the timing relationship between the 'premature' planning applications for East of Chippenham and Rawlings Green, in relation to Item 7, namely the CSAP? Can you update us on the status of these planning applications?

Response

1. Enc. 1 for Chippenham Site Allocations Plan Update forms Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report, which is titled Chippenham Site Allocations Plan Update. This provides information relevant to the report, which itself provides an update. A

copy of the report has been sent to the Inspector, as stated in the Council's letter to the Inspector of 18 March 2016.

2. Paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Cabinet report clarify that the work will be complete by the end of April and that: *"While the work is not fully complete, the testing of reasonable alternatives is well underway. However, in keeping an open mind, until the work is complete, Officers are not in a position to report on the most appropriate strategy for Chippenham as was anticipated in the Council's letter to the Inspector on 18 March 2016"*. The outcome of the Schedule of Work will be reported to Council on 10 May and papers will be made available when the papers are published for the meeting. In implementing the Schedule of Work, Officers are following the evidence and will set out their findings and judgement in full in the papers that are published for Council, which will form part of the planned consultation.
3. The Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2016) at paragraph 5.2 states that *"Where Principal Settlements and Market Towns are referred to, it should be noted that reference is being made to their continuous urban areas that may be within more than one parish area. Similarly, there are places, notably Chippenham, Salisbury and Trowbridge, where the continuous extent of their existing urban areas and/or proposed urban extensions, fall within more than one Community Area. In such circumstances, the Community Area in which the majority of the settlement sits includes the policy relating to that settlement in full."* This is the same wording that was included in the Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-Submission Document (February 2012).

Paragraph 5.40 of the adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy also states: *"The strategy for Calne will help to maintain the economic base in the town with mixed growth of employment alongside housing, thus improving the self-containment of the settlement. Any proposed strategic housing and employment allocations to be identified to the east of Chippenham will support the spatial strategy for Chippenham but may be located within the Calne Community Area."*

Regarding public consultation there were the rounds of consultation on this text authorised by the Cabinet and these took place on:

- Pre-submission consultation 20/2/2012 to 2/4/2012
- Submission 10/7/2012
- WCS Focussed Consultation 20/9/2012 to 1/11/2012
- WCS Schedule of Proposed modifications post examination 27/8/2013 to 9/10/2013
- WCS Proposed Modifications as a result of the 10th procedural letter 14/4/2014 to 27/5/2014

In addition there was the 8 week public hearing sessions held by the appointed planning Inspector which all third parties were invited to attend and give evidence at the Inspectors discretion.

All of these consultations were open to all to submit representations and publicised in accordance with the Councils adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

4. As set out on paragraph 1.10 of the draft Chippenham Site Allocations Plan the Wiltshire policies map will be amended to include the site allocations proposed in the plan. The same principles will apply when considering the outcome for the schedule of work.
5. The applications at East Chippenham and Rawlings Green are under active consideration. Additional information is required from the applicants on both schemes to enable a full assessment to take place. When received, this information will need to be consulted on before informed reports can be prepared for the Strategic Planning Committee to consider.

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Public Participation

Questions from Mrs Helen Stuckey

On 18th March 2016, the council updated the Inspector on the Schedule of Work and stated that Officers will be formally reporting to Cabinet on 19 April 2016 to provide an update on the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan and in particular, regarding whether the schedule of work is likely to: (i) result in significant proposed modifications to the submitted Plan due to a different development strategy being identified; or (ii) support a development strategy broadly consistent with the submitted Plan. A copy of the report will be available on 11 April 2016 when the Agenda is published.

I have read the "Draft Chippenham Site Allocations Plan: Update" submitted to support Agenda item 7 but it does not contain the promised update on "whether the schedule of work is likely to result in significant proposed modifications" or not. Why not? Or will an update be presented at the Cabinet meeting itself?

Response

Paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Cabinet report clarify that the work will be complete by the end of April and that: "*While the work is not fully complete, the testing of reasonable alternatives is well underway. However, in keeping an open mind, until the work is complete, Officers are not in a position to report on the most appropriate strategy for Chippenham as was anticipated in the Council's letter to the Inspector on 18 March 2016*". The outcome of the Schedule of Work will be reported to Council on 10 May and papers will be made available when the papers are published for the meeting

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