

## Questions from Kim Stuckey.

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis – Cabinet member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Operational Property and Waste**

### Question

1. Could the Cabinet confirm that the paragraphs (including modifications) of the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan are the overarching guidance that individual planning applications for the sites need to meet to be approved?

### Answer

Section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 require that the determination of planning applications must be made in accordance with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Once adopted, the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan will become part of the Development Plan alongside policies in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

2. Could the Cabinet confirm that Wiltshire Core Strategy CP51 Landscape is the Council's main way of protecting the landscape in the planning process, due to the absence of Rural Buffers and Green Belt in North Wiltshire? Will the Council also confirm that CP51 is of utmost priority in determining planning applications in strategic sites with a sensitive landscape in a rural setting?

### Answer

Section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 require that the determination of planning applications must be made in accordance with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Wiltshire Core Strategy (including Core Policy 51) forms part of the Development Plan