

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Questions from Anne Henshaw (The Campaign to Protect Rural England)

Agenda Item 7 – Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid

**To Councillor Philip Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member
for Economic Development**

Question 1:

Why has this come to Cabinet after the application has been submitted rather than before?

Question 2:

The report refers to the Council being “in control”. How does this sit with statutory consultation on the Local Plan Review? How much housing and what development options are proposed in the Local Plan Review?

Question 3:

The February 2017 Inspector’s report into the CSAP at point 86 makes references to such a road stating twice “if required”.

Question 4:

Is it the intention of the Council to present a fait accompli about funding for a distributor road to the east and south of Chippenham before there is any public consultation through the Local Plan Review?

Question 5:

Will having funding in place for distributor roads means options for development to the east have an in-built advantage over other options?

Question 6:

Point 37 at the end of the Report it states...if successful the council will engage fully with Citizens in a consultation exercise..... What good will that be when the decisions have all been taken and the CPO's deployed where necessary?

Question 7:

By the time the development is needed, post 2026, will transport (now higher than energy as the highest source of CO2 emissions) planning have totally changed within the Council?

Question 8:

This proposal needs to go to Scrutiny and Full Council.