

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Questions from Kim Stuckey

Agenda Item 10 – Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund

**To Cllr Philip Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for
Economic Development, MCI and Communications**

Statement:

Wiltshire Council admits to being the “promoter and landowner” of the Future Chippenham site. In the report below paragraph 51 it also admits there is already severe cost implications of the HIF bid by doing nothing.

Question 1:

Can you explain how Wiltshire Council has not predetermined the outcome of both the local plan review and planning consent through this HIF bid?

Response:

There is no question of predetermination in relation to the project proposals. The Council’s role as statutory planning authority is entirely separate from its role as promoter of the HIF scheme. This report recommends entering into the GDA which will secure the opportunity to draw down funding for infrastructure if development proceeds.

Question 2:

Can you give any examples of where Wiltshire Council has not previously recommended adoption of a site in the local plan where it is promoting it as landowner?

Response:

To the best of our knowledge No.