

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Agenda Item 5 – Public Participation and Questions from Councillors

Statement and Questions from Kim Stuckey

**To Councillor Philip Whitehead, Leader and Cabinet Member for
Economic Development, MCI and Communications**

Statement

Chippenham Town Council on 25th January have published a clarification of their involvement in Wiltshire Council's involvement in the Housing Infrastructure Bid for Chippenham.

Question 1 (21-16)

To assist in the understanding of this clarification, could Cabinet confirm yes or no if the following letters were used in communication with Homes England and/or the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in conjunction with the HIF bid

- a) Letter from the Leader and Chief Executive of Chippenham Town Council to the Growth Investment & Programme Director on 26th November 2018?

Response:

This letter was provided to Homes England as part of the Bid submission

- b) Letter from Chief Executive of Chippenham Town Council to the Growth Investment & Programme Director on 24th June 2019?

Response:

We are retrieving our historical data records and will provide an answer once the information is available

- c) Letter from Chief Executive of Chippenham Town Council to the Growth Investment & Programme Director on 11th July 2019?

Response:

In the time available to provide responses to all questions it has not been possible to confirm whether the letters we received were provided to Homes England. We will be able to respond as soon as that work has taken place

Supplementary Question

Can the Chippenham HIF consultation form be revised to allow a more open consultation.

Response:

There is no need to revise the consultation form. The existing form has always allowed those objecting to complete questions stating their objection and there is no need for them to complete the rest of the form. If that were not enough then the consultation page provides a direct email link for objections to be sent so that those who wish to object do not need to complete the consultation form.