

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Item 5 – Public Participation

Question from Mr Michael Sprules, Chairperson R.A.D.A.R. (Residents Against Development Affecting Recreational Land)

Over the past few months I have been very privileged to have been present at Cabinet Meetings and to have been made so welcome not just by Cabinet Members but by attending Councillors also.

At the Cabinet Meeting of 19th October 2010, the Cabinet were very kind in answering a question, regarding Housing Provision for Chippenham, and at the Cabinet Meeting of 14th December, the Cabinet, once again, were very kind in answering a question, regarding Planning Precedents on an incorrectly identified land assessment.

On Thursday, 20th January 2011, Cabinet Member John Brady, held an interview, on BBC Local Radio, to explain that the Housing Review, that was undertaken to form part of the Draft Core Strategy, was now complete. He was also very kind in re-emphasizing that Wiltshire Council would not expect Speculative Planning Applications to come forward, on land that has been put forward for consideration as Housing Provision, until local communities have been fully consulted, on where such Housing Provision is wanted, and that the Draft Core Strategy is, at least, at an advanced stage of completion.

My question to Cabinet, therefore, is, as the emerging Draft Core Strategy moves forward, are the Cabinet able to consider incorporating a clause that would penalise developers who chose to submit Speculative Planning Applications, that could Prejudice the outcome of an emerging Draft Core Strategy?

May I thank the Cabinet, once again, for allowing me to ask this question and also for affording me such kindness at Cabinet.