

Public Participation

**Question from Mr Michael Sprules, - Chairperson RADAR
(Residents Against Development Affecting Recreational Land)**

Question

**Non Mitigation of Cricket Facilities due to lack of a Grampian Condition
prior to development**

Taking my concerns into consideration, my question to Cabinet is :

Notwithstanding that my concerns are, indeed, site specific, are Cabinet able to give me their assurance that a "Grampian Condition" can be added to the list of existing Planning Conditions, that would ensure that the Mitigation facilities for the Cricket Club will, indeed, be provided before they are required to leave their present "Home"?

Furthermore, are Cabinet able to give me an additional assurance that, if the developer is unwilling to enter into an undertaking with Wiltshire Council to provide the "True Mitigation Facilities" for the Cricket Club, prior to development of their present "Home", that The Strategic Planning Committee will "Re-Visit" this "Tangled Web" in order to better evaluate what is and is not "Mitigation" and to then divide the "Mitigation" from the "Other Facilities", in order to add clarification to any confusion?

May I, once again, thank Cabinet Members and, indeed, Elected Members for allowing me to ask this question.

Response

The planning permissions for residential development on the Westinghouse Sports Club site and the associated Chippenham Rugby Club site have been granted. Both were granted permission on 28th March 2012 following the signing (and sealing) of a legal agreement under s106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This process was completed in accordance with the resolution of the Strategic Planning Committee on 16th November 2011. Accordingly, there is now no possibility of introducing additional planning conditions into either planning permission, Grampian or otherwise.

The aforementioned legal agreement, *inter alia*, requires the provision of sports facilities at the Chippenham Rugby Club site. Such "Sports Facilities Mitigation Measures" are defined within the agreement as including both cricket related facilities and enhancements to the existing rugby facilities. The Agreement also sets out a programme for the completion of the sports facilities and in doing so places upon the developer periodic constraints throughout the construction phase, as well as restricting the occupation of the

new residential development. This is, in effect, to create a financial compulsion for the developers to provide the new sports facilities throughout the course of the development of the Westinghouse site. In particular, the rugby changing room extension, the cricket wicket, floodlighting and rugby pitch improvements are all scheduled to be commenced prior to any work starting upon the Westinghouse site, with all new sports facilities at the Rugby Club site to be completed prior to occupation of any new dwelling at the Westinghouse site.