

Questions to Wiltshire Council, 24th November 2015.**Supporting statement.**

Whilst Trowbridge Town Council welcomes the recognition by the Working Group that; *'There had been some lack of clarity regarding the specific proposals which had been put out to public consultation'* and that; they have therefore recommended *'That decisions on the proposals numbered 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 26 for changes to the areas of Trowbridge and surrounding parishes be deferred for further consideration and consultation by the Working Group and that there also be consultation on proposal 27'*, they have failed to make a recommendation to Wiltshire Council with respect to a number of other proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council:

- 24. Lady Down Farm
- 25. Hilperton Gap South
- 28. Ashton Park Urban Extension
- 29. White Horse Business Park

And have therefore taken the decision themselves to reject these proposals without any justification.

Question 1.

How can the Working Party reconcile its failure to make a recommendation in support of scheme 24 Lady Down Farm, a proposal which moves the boundary from an undefined middle of field position to the Kennet and Avon Canal, with its recommendation in support of scheme 47 which moves the boundary to the Kennet and Avon Canal, giving as a reason for its support as; *'the proposal would provide a clearer boundary between the two parishes'*; and its failure to make a recommendation in support of scheme 25 Hilperton Gap South, a proposal which moves the boundary from the middle of a number of back gardens to a new road on the edge of a town, with its recommendation in support of scheme 42 which moves the boundary to a new road on the edge of a town, giving as a reason for its support as; *'The transfer of this area of land . . . would provide a logical definitive boundary between the two parishes'*; and its failure to make a recommendation in support of scheme 28 Ashton Park Urban Extension, a proposal which incorporates areas of new development to the south of the town which are remote from their villages, with its recommendation in support of scheme 42 which incorporates areas of new development to the south of a town which are remote from their village, giving as a reason for its support as; *'The majority of parish residents live in the residential estates to the south of Devizes and have a clear community link with the town'*; and with its recommendation in support of scheme 43 which incorporates areas of new development to the east of the town which are remote from their village, giving as a reason for its support as; *'The proposed new boundary lines provided a clear division between the two parishes and that the community in the area to be transferred would have clear affinity with Melksham'*?

Question 2.

When did Wiltshire Council agree to delegate decision making authority to the Community Governance Review Working Party, (with not a single councillor voting against that resolution, as the Working Party is not a politically balanced committee of the Council) and if Wiltshire Council did not make such a resolution, does Wiltshire Council accept that the decision of the Working Party not to make recommendations in respect of schemes 24, 25, 28 and 29 above, is Ultra Vires and will Wiltshire Council therefore now amend the recommendation to include schemes 24, 25, 28 and 29 in the '*further consideration and consultation*' so that all of the proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council can be consulted on and presented to Wiltshire Council for decision making?

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