

Public Participation

Questions from Ms Marilyn Mackay

1. Am I right in thinking Wiltshire Council had arranged to send the Inspector an 'update' in April? Why is this not being done now? Why are you now presenting a December 2015 letter as an 'update'? When do you plan to send the Inspector an 'update'?
2. Given your apparent willingness to have an 'open mind' on the CSAP, why is there no evidence of seriously re-evaluating the SLR, as fully as an ELR? PLUS, re-evaluating the Briefing Note 2 refusing development to the West of the A 350? Both South of the town of Chippenham, and West of the town of Chippenham, are in the Chippenham Community Area, Core Policy 10. Unlike the East, they are not flood zone areas, nor 'sensitive landscape' which you said should be protected by your Landscape policy. They are both closer than the East, to the PRN, and thus favourable in terms of economic 'growth', a key planning driver.

How can you continue proceeding with such a closed mind on these issues? You committed to having an 'open mind'. Demonstrate this please.

3. Can you provide evidence that a full public consultation supported bringing part of the Calne Community Area, Core Policy 8, into development for Chippenham? I know that you 'asserted' this should be done, but in my view this has not been done with public agreement/consultation. If I am wrong, can you show me the consultation in which this change was raised, between the two EiP hearings? The core strategy (2012) used to state that there would be no further strategic sites within CP 8, Calne Community Area. How and When and Why did this change? Evidence please that it was done democratically with full public support.
4. Will you provide a full Policies Map, relating to the CSAP, showing the inclusion of community area land NOT in CP 10?
5. What is the timing relationship between the 'premature' planning applications for East of Chippenham and Rawlings Green, in relation to Item 7, namely the CSAP? Can you update us on the status of these planning applications?

Response

1. Enc. 1 for Chippenham Site Allocations Plan Update forms Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report, which is titled Chippenham Site Allocations Plan Update. This provides information relevant to the report, which itself provides an update. A

copy of the report has been sent to the Inspector, as stated in the Council's letter to the Inspector of 18 March 2016.

2. Paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Cabinet report clarify that the work will be complete by the end of April and that: *"While the work is not fully complete, the testing of reasonable alternatives is well underway. However, in keeping an open mind, until the work is complete, Officers are not in a position to report on the most appropriate strategy for Chippenham as was anticipated in the Council's letter to the Inspector on 18 March 2016"*. The outcome of the Schedule of Work will be reported to Council on 10 May and papers will be made available when the papers are published for the meeting. In implementing the Schedule of Work, Officers are following the evidence and will set out their findings and judgement in full in the papers that are published for Council, which will form part of the planned consultation.
3. The Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2016) at paragraph 5.2 states that *"Where Principal Settlements and Market Towns are referred to, it should be noted that reference is being made to their continuous urban areas that may be within more than one parish area. Similarly, there are places, notably Chippenham, Salisbury and Trowbridge, where the continuous extent of their existing urban areas and/or proposed urban extensions, fall within more than one Community Area. In such circumstances, the Community Area in which the majority of the settlement sits includes the policy relating to that settlement in full."* This is the same wording that was included in the Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-Submission Document (February 2012).

Paragraph 5.40 of the adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy also states: *"The strategy for Calne will help to maintain the economic base in the town with mixed growth of employment alongside housing, thus improving the self-containment of the settlement. Any proposed strategic housing and employment allocations to be identified to the east of Chippenham will support the spatial strategy for Chippenham but may be located within the Calne Community Area."*

Regarding public consultation there were the rounds of consultation on this text authorised by the Cabinet and these took place on:

- Pre-submission consultation 20/2/2012 to 2/4/2012
- Submission 10/7/2012
- WCS Focussed Consultation 20/9/2012 to 1/11/2012
- WCS Schedule of Proposed modifications post examination 27/8/2013 to 9/10/2013
- WCS Proposed Modifications as a result of the 10th procedural letter 14/4/2014 to 27/5/2014

In addition there was the 8 week public hearing sessions held by the appointed planning Inspector which all third parties were invited to attend and give evidence at the Inspectors discretion.

All of these consultations were open to all to submit representations and publicised in accordance with the Councils adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

4. As set out on paragraph 1.10 of the draft Chippenham Site Allocations Plan the Wiltshire policies map will be amended to include the site allocations proposed in the plan. The same principles will apply when considering the outcome for the schedule of work.
5. The applications at East Chippenham and Rawlings Green are under active consideration. Additional information is required from the applicants on both schemes to enable a full assessment to take place. When received, this information will need to be consulted on before informed reports can be prepared for the Strategic Planning Committee to consider.