

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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**Statement and Questions from Isabel McCord about the Chippenham HIF Bid
and the Statement of Community Involvement**

Agenda Item 10 – Statement of Community Involvement

**Cllr Toby Sturgis Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development
Management and Property**

Question

Statement of Community Involvement. I understand why you need to put in place alternative public consultation arrangements during COVID-19. As you note not all residents affected by the Future Chippenham programme will be able to access information of line and may have no knowledge of your proposals so will not be in a position to request details from you. Therefore, will you commit to sending direct notifications to all residents affected without them having to request them.

Response

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council as local planning authority will engage with local communities and other stakeholders in plan making and decision taking on planning applications.

The Council in progressing the Future Chippenham programme in its role as landowner therefore is not bound by the SCI but can have regard to the principles and methods of engagement within it in developing its communication strategy for the programme. There are different ways to raise awareness amongst the local community and a communication strategy would need to consider how best to bring proposals to the attention of local people, including those that do not have access to the internet.