

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Statements and Questions from Kim Stuckey about the Council Development Plan

Agenda Item 5 – Public Participation

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

Statement

In the Government proposed planning process, local people will only have a say in development in “Protected” areas. Although this does not prevent development, at least this happens with some public involvement.

Question 1:

Does the Council plan to be proactive with the public through consultation, in designating sensitive areas as “protected” that are not now?

Response:

The Government’s proposals in the Planning for the Future White Paper are subject to consultation which closes on 31 October 2020. We will review these to understand the implications for Wiltshire and will respond to the consultation.

It is too early to say how the Council will act in response to any future changes to the planning system as the outcome of the consultation is unknown and it is not certain what the final changes to the system will be.

Question 2:

Will the Council ensure that areas that are mentioned as needing protection in all adopted Neighbourhood Plans attain protected status?

Response:

See response to Question 1.