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Agenda Item 9 – Wiltshire Local Plan Review

**Questions from: Geraint Dingley
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

Statement

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Question

If the views and involvement of the local communities are considered an important part of shaping Wiltshire County Councils Local plan, would the chairman of the cabinet agree that communities affected by the proposed development in areas 8 & 9 have not been given sufficient notice and time to consider and engage with these proposals and have not been given an equitable opportunity compared to those on other sites to fully engage in this democratic debate?

Response

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Questions from: Dean Hillier
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning

Question

If the views and involvement of local communities are indeed considered an integral part of shaping Wiltshire County Council's Local Plan, would you agree that the communities affected by the proposed development in areas 8 and 9 have not been given sufficient notice and time to adequately consider and engage with these proposals? Additionally, can we acknowledge that these communities have not been afforded an equitable opportunity, compared to those associated with other sites, to fully participate in this democratic discourse?

In the event that you do not share the aforementioned sentiment, I respectfully request that the plans to formalize the approval of areas 8 and 9 on the draft plan be postponed until the next cabinet meeting. This postponement would allow the affected communities the opportunity to engage in a constructive and democratic manner, ensuring that their voices are properly heard and considered.

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**Questions from: Rupert Parson
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

Question

Do you think the communities affected by this proposed development got enough notice and time to really consider the proposals, and have their say? If the council really cares about what the locals think, shouldn't they have given them a fair shot to participate in this democratic process? Please delay any steps in particular to approve areas 8 and 9 in the draft plan until the next cabinet meeting. This will give the affected communities a chance to get involved and have their voices heard properly.

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**Questions from: Carla Moors
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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If not, we respectfully request that the plans to formalise approval of areas 8 and 9 on the draft plan to council next week be postponed until the next cabinet meeting to allow the communities to engage in this proposal in a constructive, democratic manner.

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**Questions from: Anne Whiting
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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**Questions from: Melanie Galpin
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

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Questions from: Kirsten Webster
**To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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Questions from: Tim Guy
**To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

Question

Given that the views of local communities are key (and necessary) to shaping county Local Plans, would the Leader of Wiltshire County Council Cabinet agree that the communities affected by the development of Areas 8 & 9 (South Harnham) have not had sufficient opportunity and time to engage in the democratic debate for these proposals especially when compared to those communities affected by other development plans in the Draft Local Plan?

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Questions from: Lynn and Andrew McLachlan
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning

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**Questions from: Judith Burns
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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Questions from: Alastair and Frances Barrett
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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**Questions from: Andy Galpin
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**Questions from: Jeremy Court
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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**Questions from: Annabelle Hepburn
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

Statement

I'm writing to you because I'm seriously concerned about the release of crucial information regarding the Salisbury elements of the Wiltshire Local Development Plan. I have only just been made aware of these proposals, and understand that they are going to be considered for approval on Tuesday 11 July - in only 3 days.

The recent publication of this information, with a ridiculously short time to allow for questions to be asked, raises some big issues with democratic principles. It's really important that we highlight how unfair and unrepresentative this is for the residents who didn't get enough notice. So, I'm kindly asking you to pay attention to this matter and seriously consider the exceptional circumstances surrounding it. I think this therefore merits an urgent question for the Wiltshire Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. I know the recommended deadline for questions is four working days, but the information about areas 8 and 9 only came out a few days ago. Considering how significant this proposal is, and the short time frame, I strongly believe we need to ask this question urgently.

Areas 8 and 9 of the Wiltshire Local Development Plan weren't even considered as preferred sites in the Salisbury Site Selection report from January 2021, so for them to be proposed as development sites in the recently published July 2023 report seems inconsistent. These proposals will devastate an area of extraordinary natural beauty. The views across the areas are breathtaking, and it seems simply abhorrent that they would even be considered for development. I have attached just a couple of the photographs I have taken of the view that would be destroyed by this, and they do not do it justice.

Question

Do you think the communities affected by this proposed development got enough notice and time to really consider the proposals, and have their say? If the council really cares about what the locals think, shouldn't they have given them a fair shot to participate in this democratic process? Please delay any steps in particular to approve areas 8 and 9 in the draft plan until the next cabinet meeting. This will give the affected communities a chance to get involved and have their voices heard properly.

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Questions from: Sally and Graham Exton
**To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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Our concerns for the plans are multi-faceted:

- the loss of a beautiful green field space with huge impact to wildlife and loss of natural habitat,
- the pressure it will add onto the Coombe Road leading into Salisbury, particularly given the additional traffic coming in from the development on the Netherhampton Road
- the additional traffic making the Coombe Road an even more hazardous road to cross on foot, particularly with small children walking to the local school in Harnham
- traffic related pollution
- lack of infrastructure

Question

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**Questions from: Lynette Walsh-Evans
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

Statement

As a concerned resident of Salisbury, I have the following questions/comments to make about the draft local plan that is being considered at cabinet on 11th July:

Question

1) Why is Wiltshire Council ignoring its own strategic flood risk assessment (sfra) and proposing the allocation of the garden centre on Netherhampton Road with 60 houses (site 10)? This site is identified in your own sfra as an area at high risk of ground water flooding. According to the nppf this site should therefore be subject to sequential testing which directs housing out of areas of high risk of flooding from 'any sources' not just surface flooding and flood zones 2 and 3. This site would therefore fail any such sequential test and I'm surprised that site 10 has not already been screened out. Please vote against its inclusion in the draft local plan before any more wasted effort is spent on taking it to the LP inspector, who will undoubtedly kick it out on this basis alone.

2) Why is the site at Laverstock (site 15) only being put forward for 50 houses when the current undetermined planning application (20/11598/OUT) is proposing 135 on this site? The developer obviously thinks the site can accommodate more and it is clearly an available and deliverable site. Laverstock is also a sustainable location with schools, shops, a pub and a church on this site's doorstep and also benefits from good bus and cycle links to the city centre. This allocation should therefore be increased and could easily take on the shortfall created by the removal of site 10.

3) The proposed sites in East Harnham make sense from a sustainability point of view given that the hospital is now the city's main employer and is well served by bus and cycle links to/from the city centre. However 530 new houses for East Harnham, plus the current application proposing an expansion to the rowbarrow estate (20/00337/FUL for 86 units) surely generates a need for a new primary school? To suggest that this should be accommodated by the new school proposed at the current Netherhampton Road development (which is already needed to serve 640 houses from the big Netherhampton Road site, 106 houses at the small Netherhampton Road site, 87 houses at the bookers site and the new 20 houses at

Netherhampton Farm; and isn't even built yet!!) is ridiculous and will exacerbate an already difficult traffic problem at the Harnham junction at rush hour. If we are encouraging people to live and work in East Harnham for sustainability reasons, it makes no sense to then insist that they all drive their kids to school in Netherhampton - as it's not walking distance for primary age! Please insist that these sites in East Harnham are only allocated if a school site is also identified in this part of the city as part of these plans, otherwise the roads in West Harnham/Netherhampton and at the Harnham junction are going to be impossible!

Response

The council has fully taken into consideration relevant evidence. A sequential approach to flood risk from all sources and the advice set out in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been followed. In terms of the sequential test, all land proposed for development in the draft Plan lies in Flood Zone 1. The area of search for land to allocate was considered to include land at and around the edge of Salisbury and sites were dismissed where it was not considered possible to address residual flood risks and, or critical drainage issues. Mitigation to address groundwater flood risk is considered to be achievable and as such the site proposed for allocation (Policy 24).

The full site put forward by the developer has been assessed but only a smaller site was considered appropriate for allocation due to site specific constraints including landscape and ecology. Policy 30, East of Church Road therefore is limited to 50 homes.

There is no need to Plan for a new school alongside the proposals at East Harnham. The existing schools, including Harnham Infants and Juniors, together with the new school being developed at Netherhampton Road provide for sufficient school places for the proposed growth. Parents and careers from the proposed developments will be able to apply for a place at their closest school.

Additional Statement

Thank you very much for taking the time to reply to me. I do understand houses have to go somewhere and generally that will mean green fields around the larger settlements in the county being built on. And as I have said I think the East Harnham sites make sense from a sustainability point of view because of their position around the hospital and the jobs and transport links associated with that existing development. I am not opposed to green fields being used per se.

However the policies say these sites, collectively allocating 590 new houses in e Harnham, are going to be reliant on the new school coming forward on the existing allocations in West Harnham which is already going to serve 900 houses on existing allocations in its own area and will force significantly more traffic to travel from east to west Harnham, through the gyratory, at rush hour.

I agree the recent traffic light changes have subtly improved the current situation but with all due respect only about 100 of the existing allocations in w Harnham that I

previously highlighted have been built out so it is not currently possible to judge the impact of the remaining 800 houses. And no further improvements of Harnham gyratory are possible because of the bt broadband infrastructure within the mound. I also heard that the previously expected government grants for this junction have been withdrawn. So it is not possible to make any further substantial, physical improvements to this junction.

The council therefore needs to consider alternative ways to resolve the traffic impact at this junction and in my view the only sensible approach would be to remove unnecessary trips. Including a primary school in the plans for East Harnham or expanding Longhedge school would significantly reduce the amount of traffic passing through the Harnham gyratory of a morning (even now!). Without a school being identified, adding a further 590 households into the morning chaos on top of the 900 already planned for w Harnham is madness and is not planning anything!

I understand your reticence to hold up the plan process and the implications of speculative sites if a new plan is not adopted in a timely manner, but not to properly consider this now is likely to result in delays down the line and for site 10 is likely to result in it being thrown out at a late stage making it harder for the council to find alternative sites under the time constraints of a public inquiry!

You ask for evidence re site 10/the garden centre site on Netherhampton Road re flooding however this evidence is outlined in the council's own strategic flood risk assessment (available on your website) which says site 10 is entirely at high risk of ground water flooding. This therefore requires a sequential test. There is no evidence that one has been undertaken or to explain how this particular site made it through that process. I think the main question for committee members therefore is has a sequential test been undertaken for all of your allocations, not just site 10, based on the matter of ground water not just surface water flooding and has the sfra been taken into account in this allocation process? And if so how did site 10 that is entirely in a high ground water area, according to your own sfra, make it through to allocation?

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Questions from: Trevor Wilson
**To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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Questions from: Henk Leerink

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To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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If not, we respectfully request that the plans to formalise approval of areas 8 and 9 on the draft plan to council next week be postponed until the next cabinet meeting to allow the communities and interest groups to prepare and engage in this proposal in a constructive, democratic manner.

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**Questions from: Geoff Goodwin
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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**Questions from: Kate Higson
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

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**Questions from: Richard Mackie
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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Questions from: Colette White
**To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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**Questions from: Keith & Frances Williamson
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
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**Questions from: Frank Perks
To: Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance,
Development Management and Strategic Planning**

Statement

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Question 1: The late publication of the proposals for significant housing development in South Harnham (Areas 8 and 9) has prevented local consultation. If the views and involvement of the local communities are to be considered as an essential part of shaping Wiltshire County Council's Local plan, would the chairman of the cabinet agree that communities and interests groups affected by the proposed development in areas 8 & 9 have not been given sufficient notice and time to consider and engage with these proposals. As such they have not been given an reasonable opportunity compared to those on other sites to fully engage in this democratic debate?

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Traffic. The A354 is congested routinely throughout the day, particularly during shift changes at Salisbury District Hospital, School times, alerts at South Western Ambulance Service Station and during busy traffic periods. With static traffic on the Harnham Gyratory and SDH mini-roundabout. The creation of access to the planned estates and nursery will make this worse. Provision in the proposal is needed for beneficial work to the A354.

Facilities. There is a shortage of facilities (shops, halls, etc) and access (foot paths and cycleways) and parking for any facilities in the South-East of Salisbury. The proposal needs to identify these shortfalls and include measures to improve their provision.

Cycleways. There are no safe cycle routes from SW Harnham into the City. Proposals for these should be included in the proposal. The Harnham Gyratory is particularly unsafe for cyclists. At the moment the A354 between the New Bridge Roundabout and Harnham Gyratory is sub-optimal; the pavements need to be reduced in width, a cycleway constructed and 3 traffic lanes introduced

Response

Proposals to improve Harnham Gyratory and Exeter Street Roundabout are currently being developed, the intention being that they will provide additional capacity sufficient to accommodate the level of growth proposed in the Local Plan. These proposals will work in conjunction with wider improvements proposed by National Highways for the A36 corridor and those to be implemented as part of the current Salisbury Transport Strategy and a further 'refresh' to be developed in conjunction with the Local Transport Plan. The Transport Strategy 'refresh' will further consider walking and cycling throughout the city with the aim of connecting all allocated sites to the City Centre and necessary amenities. Such provisions will need to address any gaps and safety concerns along and within the network. Provision is made as part of the proposals for a nursery.

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**Questions from: Jonathan & Stephanie Snow
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