

Response to Pinsent Masons acting on behalf of Chippenham 2020

A rigorous evidence based appraisal has been undertaken of the alternative options for strategic development at Chippenham. The comments submitted by Chippenham 2020 to the consultation undertaken in June 2011 have been taken into account, with the background and rationale for the development of the strategic sites now proposed in the Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy set out in Topic Paper 12 accompanying the Cabinet report. It is not unusual at this stage of the development plan process for promoters of alternative sites to take a different view to the local planning authority. The next stage of the process will allow challenge to be made regarding the soundness of the document before it is Examined by an independent Inspector.

The evidence underpinning the Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy will be made available for scrutiny when the document is published for consultation. This will include the Topic Papers that summarise the evidence, drafts of which have been made available as part of the Cabinet papers.