

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Cabinet

Place: The Kennet Room, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: Tuesday 8 October 2019

Time: 9.30 am

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 30 September 2019. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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5 **Public participation and Questions from Councillors** *(Pages 3 - 12)*

Requests to read statements and ask questions have been received from:

1. Peter Cousins – Questions about Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid
2. Chris Caswill – Questions about Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid
3. Anne Henshaw – CPRE – Questions about Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid
4. Adrian Temple-Brown - Questions about Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid

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**Questions from Peter Cousins Agenda Item 7 – Chippenham Housing
Infrastructure Fund Bid**

**To Councillor Philip Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member
for Economic Development**

Question 1:

How much of the renewable energy generation that was highly significant in the Friends of the Earth survey scoring is on WCC own buildings or property?

Question 2:

Why has WCC consistently supported big damaging road schemes and continues to do so by bidding for subsidies to build more roads around Chippenham?

Question 3:

Why WCC continues to allow new housing development where people are forced to use cars and where public transport access non-existent?

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**Questions from Chris Caswill – Agenda Item 7 – Chippenham Housing
Infrastructure Fund Bid**

**To Councillor Philip Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member
for Economic Development**

Question 1

In what way or ways is the building of £75 million of new concrete and tarmac roads across the Avon Valley and the land south of Chippenham consistent with the climate emergency adopted by both Wiltshire Council and the Chippenham Town Council?

Question 2

Did Wiltshire Council request Chippenham Town Council to exclude the public from its discussion of this issue? If so, what was the justification for that?

Question 3

Given that this Cabinet has never discussed this Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Bid in public, and the Chippenham TC meeting was apparently held behind closed doors, how can this bid claim that it has public support (as is required by the scheme)?

Question 4

On 24 September, Wiltshire Council issued a press release with the title “Bid for £75 M improvements in Chippenham put forward to Government”. Amongst the improvements promoted in this press release were open space, health, an improved sense of community, new public green space, cycling and walking routes, a multi-story car park, a leisure centre, and an improved town centre. The rules of the HIF scheme make it clear that it provides road infrastructure to support development. So, will you take this opportunity to make it clear that the other facilities set out in the

press release will not be provided by HIF funding, and to at least regret that the public may have been misled by the press release claims.

Question 5

Will you now agree to make public at least the main elements of the HIF bid, for example the routes and characteristics of the proposed roads, and which HIF fund the application has been submitted to?

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Questions from Anne Henshaw (The Campaign to Protect Rural England)

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**To Councillor Philip Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member
for Economic Development**

Question 1:

Why has this come to Cabinet after the application has been submitted rather than before?

Question 2:

The report refers to the Council being “in control”. How does this sit with statutory consultation on the Local Plan Review? How much housing and what development options are proposed in the Local Plan Review?

Question 3:

The February 2017 Inspector’s report into the CSAP at point 86 makes references to such a road stating twice “if required”.

Question 4:

Is it the intention of the Council to present a fait accompli about funding for a distributor road to the east and south of Chippenham before there is any public consultation through the Local Plan Review?

Question 5:

Will having funding in place for distributor roads means options for development to the east have an in-built advantage over other options?

Question 6:

Point 37 at the end of the Report it states...if successful the council will engage fully with Citizens in a consultation exercise..... What good will that be when the decisions have all been taken and the CPO's deployed where necessary?

Question 7:

By the time the development is needed, post 2026, will transport (now higher than energy as the highest source of CO2 emissions) planning have totally changed within the Council?

Question 8:

This proposal needs to go to Scrutiny and Full Council.

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Questions from Adrian Temple-Brown

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for Economic Development**

Question:

The BBC recently stated that around 50% of UK CO2 emissions come from the construction industry.

Wiltshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency in May 2019.

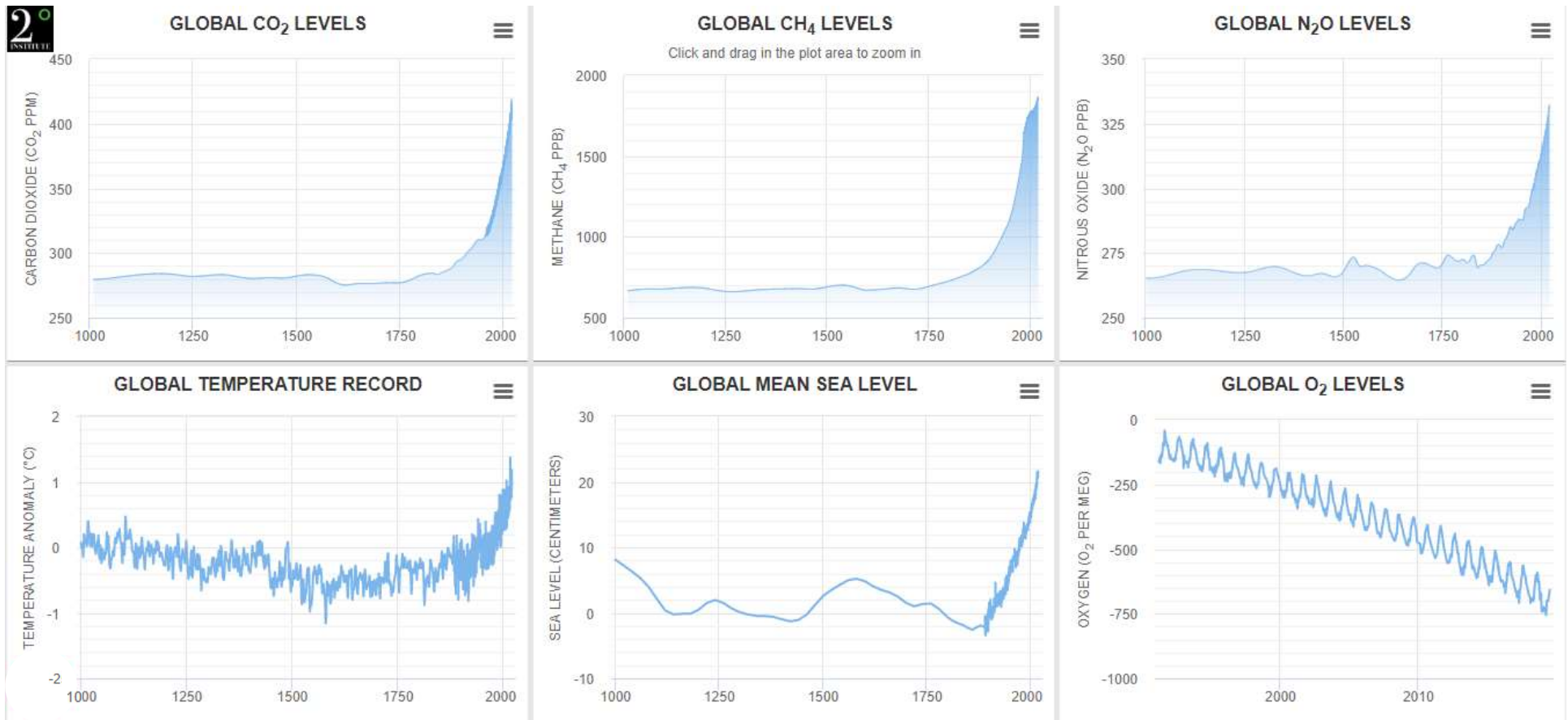
In September 2019 Wiltshire County Council published a plan to route £75m of taxpayers money to developers, to build a new road around Chippenham and destroy more of our environment with thousands of in-fill houses.

Promoting construction of new roads and new housing estates on existing countryside is incompatible with this Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency.

How do Wiltshire County Council intend to educate the councillors here who don't know, or who don't understand, or who don't care what "Climate Emergency" means, so that they can start to Act accordingly?"

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Government and Media *still* refuse to show us **THE TRUTH**



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**Construction of new roads and houses
fuels Climate Change**

WCC must ACT and push back on Government planning policy

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