

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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From Isabel McCord

To Councillor Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council

Item 5 – Public Participation

Question 1

For the public to understand and make representations on future development in Chippenham they need access to both the proposals for Future Chippenham and its associated infrastructure as well as the new local development plan for the Chippenham Housing Market Area.

Will the Leader confirm that the consultation on the distributor road and masterplan for Future Chippenham take place at the same time as the consultation on the new local plan for the Chippenham Housing Market Area and that no planning application for the road will be submitted until the new local development plan is adopted.

Response

As stated in the recent cabinet report consultation on possible distributor road route will be taking place early in the new year. Consultation on the local plan will similarly take place early in the new year.

The decision on the timing of a planning application for a distributor road will be informed by progress on the development of the local plan and would need to be taken at the time having regard to all of the circumstances then applying. Therefore, it would not be appropriate for the Council to confirm in advance when a planning application for a distributor road will or will not be made without regard to those circumstances.