

Wiltshire Council

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Item 10 – Wiltshire Local Plan Review

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To Cllr Nick Botterill – Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management and Strategic Planning

Preamble

The latest draft Local Plan indicates a wish for 600 houses in Hilperton (site 5). Why does Wiltshire Council insist on referring to this as ‘Land north of Trowbridge’? It might just as accurately be referred to as ‘Land west of Melksham’.

The land is within the parish of Hilperton and is NOT contiguous with the town.

Question (P23-21)

Is this part of a plan (commenced by Wiltshire Council back in the early 2000’s) to try to remove the parish settlement boundary and subsume Hilperton into a ‘Greater Trowbridge’?

Response:

The site selection process has considered sites that are well related to Trowbridge, albeit some of these are in Hilperton Parish. In Wiltshire it is not unusual for towns to form part of more than one parish area. It is recognised that this is sensitive to the local community and therefore the title of the policy title is proposed to be changed to “Land North of Hilperton, Trowbridge”.