

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

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**Question from John Russell**

**Agenda Item 15 – Stone Circle Company Business Plans**

**To Cllr Pauline Church Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial Investment**

**Question**

It would seem that promises and policies made earlier are now being ignored. Why?

**Response**

Stone Circle development company is required to provide a business plan to its shareholder the Council each year setting out the business it intends to undertake. This is a high level plan and the current plan has been revised to take into account the change in the loan finance the Council will provide. Before a development proceeds the company is required to provide the Council a project plan that sets out the detail of the proposed development. Those proposals will need to be in accordance with planning policies and also be viable. It is at that stage the Council would need to decide whether to allow a development to proceed based on the recommendation of the company and whether the proposed development should be carbon neutral or the Council could look to offset the carbon from that development.