

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 13 – Cabinet Capital Recommendations 2022/23 Financial Year

From Nick Parry

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

Statement

Enough is enough not a penny more should be spent on this ill-conceived Future Chippenham project that the majority of the Chippenham residents who responded to your consultation were opposed to and should have been abandoned in July 2021.

Given the comments below and highlighted how can the council's influence with the Local Planning Authority not be seen, after all when the Future Chippenham consultation was carried out the Local Plan Emerging Spatial Strategy dated Jan 2021 conveniently had figures for Chippenham HMA to accommodate the housing!

Despite assurances in Cabinet meetings to the contrary, whilst the LPA is employed by Wiltshire Council and in the same building influencing will take place.

Main Considerations for the Council

12.To cover the unfunded costs of the Future Chippenham programme Cabinet recommends to Full Council to approve a sum of £1.848m to be funded by Future Capital Receipts. **These costs will likely not be abortive subject to the use of the paid for work being used to support a scheme if allocated as part of the Local Plan review.**

13.To continue to work with adjoining landowners to the South of Chippenham to masterplan and promote the sites as part of the Local Plan review process, Cabinet recommends an increase to the Capital Programme of £0.500m to be funded from borrowing.

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Given the statements above please advise what other landowner has access to in excess of £2.3 million of public money to promote housing development on their land?

Response

The Council does not hold this information.