

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Public Participation

Statement and Question from Mr Edward Heard

Pre-Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document

(Item 6)

Statement

The plan on page 63 of the main draft Core Strategy Document is woefully inadequate to the point of being confusing at best and misleading at worst. The southern site is portrayed as an “area of search” which therefore gives no idea of where the housing is to be located. The documents state that there will be no housing on the flood plain, and that it will all be to the West of the River and it will not impinge on the Rowden Conservation Area. We have examined all the information in the public domain and that supplied by Redcliffe Homes and drawn a plan showing where the housing will therefore have to be located. A copy of the plan is attached.

Question

Can you please confirm whether the area marked in red on the attached plan is therefore an accurate portrayal of where the housing is likely to be placed. Without this information it will not be possible for Cabinet members to make a reasoned decision taking into account all the clear objectives within the strategy, not least “sustainability” and the primary wish to regenerate the Town Centre.

Response

The allocation to the south is no longer shown as an ‘Area of Search’ in the Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy and updated map will be prepared to accompany the Draft Core Strategy when it goes out to consultation. The Core Strategy is a strategic document and the areas for housing and open space are intended to be indicative and will be determined through the masterplanning process. The area shown on Mr Heard’s plan is broadly similar to that shown within the document accompanying the Cabinet report.