

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

**8 October 2019**

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**Questions from Adrian Temple-Brown**

**Agenda Item 7 – Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid**

**To Councillor Peter Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member  
for Economic Development**

**Question:**

The BBC recently stated that around 50% of UK CO2 emissions come from the construction industry.

Wiltshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency in May 2019.

In September 2019 Wiltshire County Council published a plan to route £75m of taxpayers money to developers, to build a new road around Chippenham and destroy more of our environment with thousands of in-fill houses.

Promoting construction of new roads and new housing estates on existing countryside is incompatible with this Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency.

How do Wiltshire County Council intend to educate the councillors here who don't know, or who don't understand, or who don't care what "Climate Emergency" means, so that they can start to Act accordingly?"

**Response:**

Wiltshire is required to deliver over 2000 new homes per annum.

The issue of climate change and our acknowledgment of a climate emergency does not remove the requirement for critical infrastructure to improve peoples' lives, deliver new housing or grow our economy. Options to deliver the required infrastructure will be analysed under criteria that include sustainability