

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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From Ian James – Bremhill Parish Councillor

**To Cllr Philip Whitehead, Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, MCI and Communications; and
Cllr Bridget Wayman Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste**

Item 5 – Public Participation

Statement

Recent information has highlighted the difficulties that Essex Council has had in negotiating terms with Homes England for a HIF bid of £90m

Due to miscalculating the costs for the roads Essex Council now faces a bill of £30m as the escalation in costs has sent the infrastructure cost to over £120m.

Is the Council confident that it can deliver the road Infrastructure for the east of Chippenham development for £75m?

What contingency has the Council set aside for any increases in costs between now and 2024?

In view of the under estimating of the costs for roads in Essex, please would the cabinet member provide the public with a breakdown of the costs to:

Question 1

Construct the road bridge over the GWR railway.?

Response

The railway bridge is part of the Rawlings Green development.

Question 2

Please add any additional costs required to overcome the road construction at Wavin Plant and any cost for the ransom strip the council may have to pay?

Response

Road construction at Wavin is not part of this scheme.

Question 3

Cost of roads at Rawlings Green site?

Response

The road route has yet to be consulted on and therefore is not confirmed at this time. Costs any specific areas of road are not finalised at this stage.

Question 4

Cost of river crossing the Avon, and 400m of flood plain, and roads constructed on Council land to the east of Chippenham?

Response

As above.

Question 5

Cost of road intersection at the A4, and continued road to the south of Chippenham.

Response

As above

Question 6

Cost of roads for the housing estates to the south?

Response

As above

Question 7

Cost of the 2nd river crossing over the river Avon.?

Response

As above

Question 8

Cost of road to the A350 and the road intersection?

Response

As above

Question 9

if there is an over run on the budget will this money come from the Wiltshire Council funds? Which is in fact money raised from the residents in Wiltshire.

Response

The cabinet paper in October 2020 confirmed “ The GDA provides a recovery mechanism that ensures there is no net cost to the Council”.

Question 10

If not will this be recouped from the developers, and has the Council drawn up a legal document to get the developers to pay their share of the cost of the infrastructure, if so is this document available for the public to review at the consultation in January, If not why not?

Response

Should the development go forward, there will need to be a recovery mechanism in place to recover the cost of delivery of the road. This is usually facilitated via appropriate planning policy.

We are consulting on road route options in January 2021.

Question 11

Please provide the above costs, and will they were supplied for the Consultation which starts in January.

Response

Costs of the road route options will be available as part of the consultation process.