Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

8 October 2019

Questions from Peter Cousins Agenda Item 7 – Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid

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

Question 1:

How much of the renewable energy generation that was highly significant in the Friends of the Earth survey scoring is on WCC own buildings or property?

Response:

Friends of the Earth has not shared this information with Wiltshire Council, so we are unable to answer this question.

Question 2:

Why has WCC consistently supported big damaging road schemes and continues to do so by bidding for subsidies to build more roads around Chippenham?

Response:

We have not consistently supported 'bid damaging road schemes' and nor are we here. The council has made an application for significant infrastructure improvements at Chippenham to support the potential long-term growth of the town.

Question 3:

Why WCC continues to allow new housing development where people are forced to use cars and where public transport access non-existent?

Response:

Planning applications for new housing development need to demonstrate how schemes are designed to enable people to access sustainable transport and not be dependent on private cars.