

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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**Public Participation
Statement from Margaret Barley, Lacock, Chippenham
Wiltshire Core Strategy**

It has been drawn to my attention that although there were 4 options regarding the expansion of Chippenham mentioned in the October 2009 paper on Strategic Sites, the new document, which admittedly is for consultation, contains only two options both involving massive developments to the south of Chippenham in the Showell area and largely contained within Lacock Parish.

Whilst I do realise that the next stage of the process is one of consultation, I would request that at that meeting it is drawn to the attention of the Cabinet that two very similar options do not really constitute options at all. The impact of this scale of development on the surrounding area - which is some of the best in this part of Wiltshire - and the increased traffic on the A350, which will be further aggravated by extensive development in Trowbridge, will massively change the area to the south and west of Chippenham.

I am also concerned as to the extent of consultation with Lacock Parish Council in arriving at these two "options" and will be pressing it to become extremely proactive in objecting to any such proposals.

Answer:

As you appreciate, considerable consultation has already been undertaken regarding the consideration of development options at Chippenham. The evidence, including consultation with the local community, indicates that the options now presented provide the best solutions to accommodate sustainable development at the town in light of the proposed reduction in the overall number of homes to be provided during the plan period. This has led to the other options previously consulted on being discounted at this stage.

This is an additional stage of consultation, which is proposed to open on 13 June 2011 and as such I would encourage you to submit your comments in full through the formal process.