

Wiltshire Council

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**Public Participation
Question from Margaret Willmot – Local Development Framework**

Question

Table 3 in Appendix 1 for item 8 lists the Wiltshire LDF evidence base. Under Transport evidence, Salisbury Transport Strategy has a 'date complete/anticipated' of January 2010. This is misleading because although various forecasting & modelling reports were made available in January 2010, together with an Options Assessment Report, there was no 'Salisbury Transport Strategy' available at that date. This is made clear in the South Wiltshire Core Strategy Inspector's report (para 155) when he refers to the Transport Strategy needing to be finalised. The January 2010 Options Assessment Report refers to the next steps needed - refining the strategy, consulting with stakeholders, developing an implementation programme etc.

Can Wiltshire Council confirm that Table 3 will be updated to show which components of Salisbury's Transport Strategy were complete in January 2010 and to provide the timetable for remaining components including a finalised Salisbury Transport Strategy?'

Response

The date of January 2010 does relate to the 'Options Assessment Report' stage of the Salisbury Transport Strategy that was prepared to support the first hearing sessions of the examination into the South Wiltshire Core Strategy. To enable the South Wiltshire Core Strategy to be considered by the Inspector, the emerging Transport Strategy for Salisbury needed to have reached a stage that proved:

- the degree to which the level of growth impacted on the transport network;
- the range of transport interventions potentially required to support growth; and
- the probable costs of those interventions together with an assessment of viability and delivery mechanisms.

This Options Assessment Report was later updated in light of the revised growth figures in time for the reopened examination hearing sessions that took place in August 2011.

Table 3 within the Local Development Scheme seeks to outline the evidence that underpins the Wiltshire Local Development Framework rather than give detailed timelines. Detailed information regarding the development of the emerging Salisbury Transport Strategy, including what has happened and when, is available on the

Council's website. The Strategy is due to be finalised in June 2012 following consultation in the new year. The date for completion of the Strategy will be reflected in Table 3 alongside the January 2010 date, which represents an important milestone in the process for the South Wiltshire Core Strategy and additional text inserted into the table to clarify what each date refers to.