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QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – ITEM 7: WILTSHIRE CORE STRATEGY

QUESTION FROM PERSIMMON HOMES (SOUTH COAST) LTD.

**TO CLLR FLEUR DE RHÉ-PHILLIPE, CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC
DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING**

Question 1

Whereas Core Policy 1 of the adopted South Wiltshire Core Strategy includes planned growth of “at least 190 dwellings” at Downton, Core Policy 24 of the submission draft Wiltshire Core Strategy contains the same numerical target for Downton but without the words “at least”. What is the reasoning for this change, and would officers recommend that Core Policy 24 should include the words “at least”, such that it would conform with the recommendations of the Inspector of the South Wiltshire Core Strategy?

Response

This change is considered unnecessary. All Community Area Spatial Strategies, including Core Policy 42 relating to the Southern Wiltshire Community Area, show the number of homes to be provided in each community as “at least” figures. This together with the proposed change to paragraph 2.28 of the draft Wiltshire Core Strategy (ref. 16 of Appendix 1) is consistent with the Inspectors recommendation for the South Wiltshire Core Strategy. The proposed change clarifies that figures are provided at settlement level and that these figures should not be reduced just because overprovision may have occurred elsewhere.