

**Wiltshire Council**

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**Questions From Councillors**

**From Cllr Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monktondivision**

**To**

**Cllr Fleur De Rhé-Phillipe, Cabinet Member For Economic Development  
And Strategic Planning**

**Question 1**

Given the legal challenges to the Core Strategy being threatened by at least one developer, is it the administration's intention that the Council retain external legal representation for the Inspector's Hearing?

**Response**

It is government policy to discourage legal representation at public examination of the core strategy. Because of the importance of the core strategy, each step will be monitored by the Legal Unit to ensure appropriate legal representation is present. If formal Court proceedings were to be instigated, the Head of Legal Services would ensure there were appropriate resources to enable the Council to protect the Council's interests.