

**Wiltshire Council**

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**14 October 2014**

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**Item 6 - Public Participation**

**From Mr Stephen Eades, Chippenham Resident**

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning,  
Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste**

**Question 1**

Is Wiltshire Council affirming in its current review of the Chippenham Development Plan Document (DPD) the strategic view that it expressed in June 2014 to the Inspector at the Core Strategy Examination in Public regarding the western boundary of Chippenham ? For the strategic view in question, I refer to the view expressed in the Section titled: *Strategic Approach to New Development in Chippenham*, paragraph 5.54b of the Wiltshire Council Document titled "*Modified version of the Chippenham Area Strategy*", as set out in the emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy (updated June 2014)

**Response**

The Cabinet Member is currently on leave. A response will be to follow.

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**From Countess Amanda Cairns**

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste and Councillor Fleur de Rhé-Phillipe, Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Transport**

**Question 2**

- a) At the turn of the century North Wiltshire District Council, with the strong support of its Member of Parliament and a leading Councillor and of the residents west of the A350, rejected an application by Honda to erect a major assembly plant west of the A350, and the District Council designated the A350 as the logical and natural western boundary for Chippenham. This policy was endorsed at the time, and later confirmed in 2014, by Wiltshire Council. Does Wiltshire Council still hold absolutely to this same boundary policy concerning the A350 and, if not, why not ?
- b) If development, which would breach the long established A350 western boundary of Chippenham, were to be considered in principle by Wiltshire Council, would Officers and Officials of the Council seriously consider as an essential part of the planning process ,the immense human, and material damage and the personal distress which would be inflicted on Chippenham and Allington residents and on the rural and agricultural interests of communities nearby?

**Response**

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**From Mr David Levy, Bristol Resident (Wiltshire Student)**

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning,  
Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste**

**Question 3**

What relevance does the DPD have when the council can override this for commercial development purposes and is the council obliged to produce documentary evidence that they have considered all currently registered sites under the DPD before promoting breaching the A350 Western Boundary

**Response**

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