

Wiltshire Council

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Public Participation

Statements and Questions from North Wiltshire and Swindon CPRE in relation to Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations DPD

Comments / questions

Given that it has been necessary to drop some sites from the document, two of which were to be multi purpose and possibly include Waste Transfer Stations, on the grounds of non-deliverability due to landowner objection, will Wiltshire Council ensure that sites situated closest to the proposed areas of growth will be brought forward even if this means exercising Compulsory Purchase Powers and running counter to local business objection?

In the North of the county the greatest proposed growth is at Chippenham. The sites allocated in the document will need to meet this growth in order to remove the pressure from Lower Compton at Calne. A single centralised Waste Transfer Station is inefficient compared to local Waste Transfer Stations close to the SSTIs. Will Wiltshire Council ensure that multiple small planning permissions will be encouraged and facilitated as local handling of waste nearest to major roads and away from major residential areas is the greatest environmental and social consideration.

The extra mileage costs using a single centralised facility will be born by the transporters, principally Wiltshire Council, not the operator. The strategic shift in waste due to the phasing out of landfill has altered the operator chain and we ask the Council to ensure that the issues of excessive transportation and size of operation are guarded against and sites for regional or supra regional use are at locations which take into account these environmental and social elements and are not judged on purely historical and settled evidence.

Response

The strategic importance of Chippenham as node for future growth is fully acknowledged by Cabinet. In addition, with the scale of growth planned for the period up to 2026, the Cabinet also recognise the need to present a flexible framework of waste sites to address future waste arising from planned growth. The draft Waste Site Allocations DPD sets out a range of sites to the north (near Stanton St Quinton), south (Thingley Junction, Leafield Industrial Estate) and within Chippenham itself (Bumpers Farm Industrial Estate).

The sites being promoted have been assessed for their potential to accommodate a range of waste uses and thereby offer greater choice to local private and public waste collection services to manage waste in a sustainable manner. As sufficient

sites have been identified there is no need to consider exercising Compulsory Purchase Powers, which tend to be a last resort and are inherently complex.