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Response from West Wiltshire District Council

Two main comments

1. See the major applications protocol - copy attached

2 . Work on planning obligations beginning at the pre app stage and running concurrently with the consideration of the planning application rather than the current practice where work on planning obligations often follows a committee resolution to grant. The current practice offers little opportunity to complete agreements with the statutory periods. It is accepted that starting work on agreements before a committee resolution can lead to abortive work if the proposals are not approved but with careful management to ensure that only schemes with a good likelihood of being successful are treated in this way, this risk can be significantly reduced

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