

# NOTES

**Extraordinary Meeting of:** SALISBURY AREA BOARD  
**Place:** City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU  
**Date:** Thursday 3 September 2009  
**Start Time:** 7.00pm  
**Finish Time:** 9:45pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Mary Douglas (Chairman), John Brady, Richard Clewer, Brian Dalton, Bill Moss,  
Ricky Rogers (Vice-Chairman), Paul Sample

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue – James Mahoney and Ian Rennie  
Wiltshire Police – David McMullin and Claire Rooney

**Members of Public in Attendance:** 63

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<b><u>Order of Business</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>	<b><u>Action By</u></b>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the Board Members, and welcomed everyone to the extraordinary meeting and explained that the purpose was to consider the South Wiltshire Core Strategy, Proposed Submission Document and clarify the public's concerns.</p>	
	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Councillor Chris Cochrane – Board Member</p>	
2.	<p><u>Core Strategy Presentation</u></p> <p>It was explained that the board's role regarding the South Wiltshire Core Strategy is to help the public and partners in the Southern Wiltshire Community Area, gain greater awareness and a better understanding of what the strategy is about and how it will influence housing and infrastructure for the area over the next 20 years.</p> <p>David Milton - Team Leader, Spatial Planning (South Office), explained that the meeting was a chance for the board and the public to understand the core strategy and make any representations to the Inspector based on soundness of the document. The Board then received a presentation on the Core Strategy. Some of the points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the strategy has been developed;</li> <li>• What the Strategy actually is;</li> <li>• How members of the public can make formal representations to the inspector for the next stage;</li> <li>• The deadline for making representation is 30 September 09;</li> <li>• The strategy will be submitted to the Secretary of State, and examined by an inspector for its legal standing and "soundness";</li> <li>• If the strategy is found to be sound, it will be taken to the Full Council meeting in spring 2010.</li> </ul>	

3.	<p><u>Questions and Statements from the Public</u></p> <p>Questions and statements were then received from the board and the public. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the Harnham Association said that. The transport model used to make predictions of the Core Strategy's implications on the A3094 road, was believed to be inaccurate and that evidence was available to show that in reality the road would be incapable of sustaining further traffic developments</li> <li>• A Harnham resident commented that both David Milton and the document make the assertion that the modelling used to show the effect on transportation was complete, but there is a topic paper that makes the claim that the modelling system would not be complete until December 2009. It was asked that this be clarified and also explained what is meant by the term 'demand intervention'.</li> <li>• A Harnham resident said of the computerised model that it can only be as good as the assumptions that are built into it and that it is not reality. Therefore, what assumptions had been built into it.</li> <li>• What happens if Wiltshire Council says no to the strategy and what are the possible sanctions of this.</li> <li>• A Harnham resident expressed that more and more houses are being imposed on out of date road systems and these along with engineering problems need to be resolved first. What is the timing of the transport strategy in relation to the core strategy? What is the planning application process?</li> <li>• A resident from Netherhampton Village, questioned the presentation given, explaining that when the areas were broken down there seemed to be a number of the population not accounted for, has this mistake been made with the transport model?</li> <li>• Why is the Harnham development, which is in the Netherhampton Parish, fall within Wilton</li> <li>• Why is the consultation being held in the main summer holidays when a vast amount of people are unable to look at the plan. This along with the un-user friendly response form is taking away the publics democratic rights.</li> <li>• Previous examinations of modelling showed Harnham road couldn't accommodate this growth, was this modelling taken into account for the current conclusions</li> <li>• Officers have to make sure that the strategy is deliverable. The current facilities are already not maintained, how would new ones be maintained</li> <li>• A local resident, stated that the majority of local residents were against the new housing and that it was his belief that it had come from a dysfunctional government on its way out. Therefore, why don't officers put it aside and wait.</li> </ul>	
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4.	<p><u>Summary and Close</u></p> <p>Members of the public were advised that officers from the Spatial Planning Team would be available to assist those wanting to make formal representations to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the views of the board and the members of the public present are fed back to the council, a report recording a summary of the views expressed will be submitted to the Full Council meeting on 10 November 2009.</p>	

	<p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <p>Thursday 1 October 2009 at City Hall, Salisbury.</p> <p>Thursday 3 December 2009, at City Hall, Salisbury.</p> <p>Thursday 21 January 2010, at South Wilts Grammar School</p>	
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