

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Public Participation – Chippenham Site Allocations DPD

Questions from Mrs Marilyn Mackay

1. Has anyone in the Planning department/Cabinet been held accountable for two failures on Plans presented for Examination in Public regarding the Chippenham area?

An apology to the local community affected by these might be appreciated.

2. Reading *Appendix 1, CSAP: Schedule of Work in Relation to Sustainability Appraisal and Site Selection Report*, page 2, there is reference to Updated Briefing Note 2.

My question is to ask about the statements in 4.5:

“the wider importance placed upon the A350, which make options for development that involve **breaching and building beside it** much more difficult to achieve without compromising its strategic role”

and the statement in 4.7:

is a part of the strategic road network that **also functions as a by-pass to the town.**

It is clear from the Briefing Note no sites should be on West of A 350, but since the focus is on this as a bypass, does that rule out other ‘breaching and building beside it’ which may be proposed? The Atkins report on Transport suggested proximity to the PRN (A 350) offered the best opportunity for ‘economic growth’ and had a map to show this and how different areas performed.

Some clarity between a need to be a bypass, with good traffic flows, and good sites for economic growth in the Chippenham area close to the PRN would be helpful, as there appears to be some conflict in this issue.