

**Public Participation – Chippenham Site Allocations DPD**

**Questions from Ms Helen Stuckey**

1. The Council have proposed to provide “greater detail on road infrastructure”, including a position statement on the Eastern Link Road. There is no mention of a similar position statement for the alternative Southern Link Road. If one of the anticipated alternative “Development Strategies” is a “southern focus” then surely this equivalent analysis is required for a Southern Link Road including preferred route, nature, cost and funding?
2. The 2013 Chippenham Transport Strategy concluded that a package of measures, excluding both an Eastern and Southern link road, would be sufficient to cope with the additional development. Please could the revised Transport Evidence start with this as the baseline? Will all updates include the agreed dualling of the A350 and the link road through Area A? Will the Southern Development Strategy include evaluating dualling the A350 from the Chequers roundabout down to the Lackham roundabout and a Southern Link Road ending at the Lackham roundabout?
3. The Council have already made their Traffic Model available to potential developers. Please could CAUSE and their transport consultant be granted similar access to the Traffic Models to be able to run their own scenarios as part of the preparation for the next EIP?
4. Developers have been discouraged from putting forward strategic sites in Area D since 2009. Please confirm that the evaluation of “Strategic Site Options” for Area D will not be disadvantaged by the lack of recent developer propositions? Will Area D land owned by the Council be evaluated in an equivalent and fair way to Council land owned in Area C?
5. We note that the ranking of criteria has been dropped - does this really mean that all “harm” factors” will be considered as of equivalent value?
6. What does the term “Settlement Resilience” mean ? And should the new evidence take account of the Chippenham Master plan so that there is sufficient focus on regenerating the centre of Chippenham?
7. The submitted plan comprises 10 steps, many of which can't proceed without the conclusions of the previous step. Will the Council share the key interim conclusions e.g. Strategic Site Options (Step 3) by end December,

Reasonable Alternative Development Strategies (Step 6) by end January, and the Preferred Development Strategy (Step 9) by end of February?