

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Public Participation – Chippenham Sites DPD

Question from Mr Richard Hames

1. Could you please confirm that the council agrees with the flood analysis provided by the environmental agency at the September public meeting and at the inquiry in November.
2. If there were brown field sites which could have say 400 homes built on them would you please confirm that they would be taken into consideration in the required number of houses of not less than 1935. So if brown field sites for 400 homes were found the number of houses needed would fall to not less than 1535.
3. A number of sites have recently received planning permission for houses to be built on in adjacent towns in the North & West HMA as Chippenham was not able to meet its 5.25 year plan, for example Calne and Corsham. Will the number of not less than 1935 be reduced accordingly.
4. It seems very unreasonable that the public have until I think 11th February to respond on the request to build 700 houses in area B and 1500 houses in area C. Would it not make more sense for this decision to be delayed until the council has produced its report later this year and consultation has been received from the public.
5. The council has to comply with the timetable laid down by central government in deciding whether to grant planning consent to Chippenham 2020s application for 1500 houses in area C.

If the council decides to grant consent for building on land to the east of Chippenham prior to the inspectors decision at the end of 2016, would the council confirm that in such a case they will refuse to sell land owned by them to C2020 unless the inspector has given his findings and has confirmed development may take place on such land.

If the council fail to give such an undertaking the council is effectively bypassing the inspector so that it can sell its own land for profit and is abusing its position as both landowner and issuer of planning consent. This cannot be correct. The council can not allow building on its own land unless the inspector agrees that it should be part of the Chippenham site allocation