

Response to the WHSAP Inspection 3rd April 2019

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Matter 2: Consistency with the Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS)

Issue 4: Has the site selection process for housing allocations been soundly based?

4.4 Have the cumulative transport related implications of allocated sites been fully assessed and are measures to address them sufficiently clear and deliverable?

A preliminary technical report by Condon Drew Associates (12.09.2017) based on the first stage plan by Coulston Estates on the impact of the Elm Grove development provided an initial traffic analysis. *Traffic movements and queue length surveys were undertaken at the pre-agreed junctions on Wednesday 5th July 2017. Wiltshire Council highways has confirmed that surveys undertaken on this date are acceptable.*

However, this data on a relatively quiet day for traffic on the affected routes and junctions is optimistic. The degree to which the increased housing quantum (Elm Grove 250-280 houses plus 79 on the former WWDC site), impacts the local transport network requires challenge:

Road access from the A363 into Elm Grove is uncertain since land planned as an entry point is currently advertised as 'For Sale', creating a potential ransom effect. This may invalidate the current assumptions about access to the Elm Grove development and put further pressure on existing transport routes such as Wiltshire Drive.

Requests for updated information from the council based on the revised planning have not been forthcoming to date.