

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Questions from Anne Henshaw on Behalf of the CPRE Wiltshire

Agenda Item 10 – Chippenham Housing Infrastructure Fund

To Cllr Philip Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, MCI and Communications

Question 1:

Can the following anomalies be explained and clarified?

In the **Future Chippenham Consultation Engagement Strategy** report points 3.3.4, 3.4.1 and 3.4.2

A timetable is set out for a planning application to be made in the Winter 2021/22 for the road and an outline planning application for mixed use development for Wiltshire Council land.

This is repeated at points 17 and 18 in the accompanying report by the **Chief Executive**.

Local Plan Review. Wiltshire website information

In Table 4: Summary programme for development plan document production (**Review of the Local Plan**) the programme shows that the Plan papers will be published for pre-submission consultation

(Reg 19) in Q4 2021.

Therefore the planning application for the road, and for unallocated mixed use development will be going out to the public for consultation at the same time as the Review of the Local Plan consultation process.

Table 4 makes it clear that it is anticipated that submission to the Secretary of State will be Q¹ and Q4 of 2022.

Examination process (including hearings and receipt of inspectors report) Q4 – Q2 of 2023.

Response given to Chris Caswill, Question 8 at the last Cabinet meeting states “that funding will not become available unless certain conditions are met **including allocation of land via the Local Plan process**”

Chief Executive report point 38

“There is a risk that the **Local Plan Review process does not seek to allocate the project site** for development and as such planning consent is not achieved for the infrastructure work”

Response:

There are no anomalies. As stated previously there is complete separation between the statutory role of the Council as Local Planning Authority and the Project.

Question 2:

Is it not the case that the planning application cannot be brought forward according to the suggested timetable since the site proposed will not have been through the democratic planning and allocation process.?

Response:

A planning application can be made at any time and determined by the local planning authority at that time.

Question 3:

We would also request that all information relating to the question of the sale of County Farms is made public since information relating to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission is not exempt information.

Response:

As and when the sale of County Farms are proposed the information relating to those disposals will be published in line with the Councils constitution at the appropriate time.