

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Public Participation

Item 7 – Adoption of Wiltshire Core Strategy

**Response to Fovant Parish Council
from Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet member for Strategic Planning,
Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste**

In the South Wiltshire Core Strategy Fovant is identified as a 'Secondary Village', which is the equivalent status to 'Large Village' in the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The status of the village was discussed at the South Wiltshire Core Strategy Examination in Public and the Inspector having considered the evidence did not indicate that the plan should be modified to alter Fovant's status. The Wiltshire Core Strategy Inspector has maintained this position. It is not in the gift of the Council to alter this report even if we should want to do so.

Its classification is based on applying a consistent methodology across Wiltshire's settlements including the fact that the village has a modest level of services (it currently has one functioning pub - The Pembroke Arms, a post office, a village shop and a doctor's surgery) making it suitable for some growth in a fairly sustainable manner. Its classification as a 'Large Village' means that although there will be some prospect of modest growth in keeping with the size and context of the village, no significant growth is planned. The settlement boundary is to be retained, although subject to review, and development will be managed to sympathetic infilling within that boundary unless sites are identified through a neighbourhood plan or site allocations plan, which will be subject to consultation.