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Dear Mr Kemp

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Thank you for your letter of 7 June

The intention to abolish the emerging RSS removes any rationale for the CS to include 12400 new homes in the period to 2026. As a result the CS is even more clearly unsound in the area of my representations – water supply adequacy.

The Inspector will remember that it clearly emerged during the hearing that Wessex Water was planning its increase in capacity on a much slower rate of housing growth and could only support the CS rate by the unsubstantiated assertion that there was sufficient “headroom” within its figures.

In the new situation it seems rational that the housing growth for S Wiltshire can only be based on the evidence of the rate used by the WW resource plan. The two plans ought to be in tandem, not attempting and failing to reconcile two wildly differing growth rates. No sound building plan can exceed the water resource available for the development, so the WW figure is the determinant.

As I explained in my post-hearing representation this would limit housing growth to 7000 in the period to 2026. That figure should be used by the CS with the caveat that there is a review at the beginning of 2015 – the date at which WW expects S Wiltshire to move into water deficit unless further resources are created by means of their water grid. WW will be producing a new resources plan in 2015 and the CS should give a commitment to amend its housing growth to that supported by the new WW plan.

Yours sincerely

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