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Dear Mr Kemp

**South Wiltshire Core Strategy Examination**


Thank you for your letter 2<sup>nd</sup> June outlining the current government changes in policy regarding the emerging RSS and the possible effects on the South Wiltshire Core Strategy. In my capacity at the time as Chair of Netherhampton Parish Council, I introduced this as an item for discussion at a recent Parish Council meeting.

It was felt the initial draft of the Core Strategy of South Wiltshire (the CS) was based on the requirements of the previous Government to meet their estimated requirements of housing and other needs in the South Wiltshire area. Through 2008 and 2009, local residents and other interested parties were given opportunities to raise objections and to then challenge the soundness of the developing CS.

Throughout all this the figures and facts were based on the requirement laid down by the previous government and the emerging RSS. Although it may be argued the then County Council figures for housing may not have differed greatly, this is not certain. In any case such figures would have been masked by the need to produce a strategy that met the then government's desired objectives.

The general consensus of opinion at the Parish Council meeting was that as the new government is desired to abolish the emerging RSS, and to return housing requirement needs to local councils to decide, the current CS could be said to be flawed. There is also the further consideration that the initial draft strategy was drawn up by the old Wiltshire County Council with some input by the then Salisbury District Council. Both have subsequently been replaced by a new unitary Wiltshire Council. The conclusion that was reached was that as all the original bodies that contributed to the CS no longer exist, and that as the main vehicle which provided the guidelines on which the CS was based will be no more, that model of the CS has become unsound. It should therefore be completely reformulated, based on local council estimations for housing requirement.

Yours sincerely

  
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