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## **Wiltshire Council Local Development Framework**

### **South Wiltshire Core Strategy Examination**

#### **Representation to proposed changes for submission June 2010 by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council**

June 2010

Sir

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this document but would have preferred a longer consultation period.

We have read the full and thorough submission made by Clr Ian McLennan and would strongly add the support of this Parish Council to his statements. We do not, therefore, wish to repeat comments already made but, nonetheless, would wish to emphasise the following:

- Given the change in Government and associated thinking regards the planning process, we ask for a rethink on the suggested need for an extra 12400 homes in South Wilts. If this is amended then it would have a very positive knock on effect on future development in this parish.
- The proposals identify c 2000 new homes for this parish which represents a doubling of existing homes. This is an unrealistic and unfair expectation for one rural parish. The opportunities of development at Fugglestone Red have not been realised.
- The parish of Laverstock and Ford is subsumed within a general view of the needs of South Wilshire, particularly the needs of Salisbury. This is a separate and distinct rural parish and we would welcome the explicit acknowledgement of this in the document and of specific identification by name when apposite. As Clr McLennan states, 'Laverstock and Ford rural parish is not Salisbury East.'
- We believe that the concept of a new settlement to the east of Salisbury was too quickly dismissed due to the objections of a few. This should be re-explored as we believe that it has merits and could better help the local area meet its housing needs without adding a burden to one or two communities.

- We believe that the plans for a further 860 homes at Long Hedge should be scrapped in favour of the concept above to prevent urban creep from Salisbury almost to Amesbury.
- The Report talks about housing but fails to mention the associated infrastructure needs, particularly for secondary education and for facilities such as doctors, surgeries. The provision of secondary education in this area is concentrated on one campus within this parish and is fast reaching crisis point with no strategic thinking evident for future provision.
- This Parish Council's Parish Plan highlights the need to retain the character and separateness of the four different communities within the parish. Plans for over 500 homes at Hampton Park 2 virtually remove any strategic gap between two of them. (Hampton Park 1 and the village of Ford.)
- The plans for 525 homes at Hampton Park 2 exceed the suggested number in the Core Strategy and greatly exceed older plans submitted in the past and represent an inappropriate level of development.
- An area of land (as yet undeveloped) known as Salisbury Retail Park would be better suited and welcomed as housing development land. This would also help to achieve a reduction at Hampton Park 2
- Development at Hampton Park 2 should not proceed until the height problems at the nearby railway bridge on the A30 have been resolved.
- The Parish Council remains concerned that, without consultation, the area surrounding Old Sarum Airfield, including Ford, was included in the original Core Strategy, with a variety of 'enabling' reasons given. The Parish Council refute the need for the enablers, wish to retain the whole area as green space and prefer flying to any further development. A heritage plan would be properly considered, should it enhance the Conservation Area and add to, not detract from resident amenity.

It is probable that you might wish to dismiss some of the comments above on the grounds of not being within your remit. However, we would ask that you try to take on board the views of a parish which has recently collected a mass of data and views from its residents to produce a Parish Plan. The comments above reflect those democratically expressed views. We seek to ensure that this parish experiences a fair and equitable share of future development and that this beautiful area of South Wiltshire is not further be spoiled but safeguarded for the enjoyment of future generations.

Ron Champion  
Chair of Parish Council