

**SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORE  
STRATEGY**

**EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC**

**Statement of Common Ground as  
agreed between  
Wiltshire Council and South West  
Councils**

**19 FEBRUARY 2010**



Plan reference: Paragraph 5.31

Representation Number: 9866

#### Issues Raised

We note that initial modelling including partnership work with the Highways Agency has concluded that the transport network, with improvements, will be able to support levels of growth as planned for in the Core Strategy (page 56). But it is not clear as to whether South Wiltshire's public transport system is capable to support the level of growth proposed. The vision for South Wiltshire refers to an 'improved public transport system' (Salisbury Vision document (section 3, page 19)). The community area chapters only very broadly refer to public transport improvements. We suggest that the strategy should include diagrams showing the key transport arteries, strategic land allocations, and areas/routes where key public transport improvements are required. The Core Strategy also needs to be more specific how demand management and sustainable travel measures will be introduced at Salisbury SSCT, in line with emerging RSS Policy RTS2.

We note however that the Council is currently preparing a Transport Strategy, due to be published in December 2009. It will be absolutely critical that the key improvements and measures (and here not only in regard to public transport) identified in the Transport Strategy inform the Core Strategy and the Integrated Delivery Plan. Developers and other stakeholders will need to have a clear picture which transport measures will need to be funded and implemented to support development, i.e. on strategic sites, in order to factor associated costs into their investment plans.

#### Wiltshire Council Response

The Salisbury Transport Model has now been produced and provides assurance that there is a range of improvements and changes that could be developed to allow the growth proposed within the Core Strategy to take place.

Although the modelling work does not provide an assessment of each individual strategic allocation, it does look at the cumulative impact of these sites and the traffic associated with the remainder of the growth across the entire road network, and will therefore assess transport choices to deal with the impacts of growth. This will provide developers and other stakeholders with a clear picture of the level of transport measures that will need to be funded and implemented to support each development.

Agreed position

No changes necessary.

Plan reference: Appendix E

Representation Number: 9868

#### Issues Raised

It is not clear from the delivery plan how much money will be required to deliver essential infrastructure. Also, the delivery plan is only very general about when infrastructure and other development will have to be delivered.

Whilst we appreciate that developer contributions form an important part of the overall funding portfolio of schemes it is not clear as to whether this will be sufficient to support development. Also, it would have been useful had the Transport Strategy been published together with the Core Strategy Submission Paper. It is therefore not possible for us to appreciate if the measures identified in the Transport Strategy are appropriately aligned with the phasing of major development schemes.

#### Wiltshire Council Response

A viability study has been undertaken of the proposed allocations in terms of constraints and infrastructure requirements, and forms part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy.

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#### Agreed position

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