

## Public Questions - APPENDIX A

Public questions at Extraordinary Full Council on Monday 20 November 2023:

1. “Google “NASA Ice Sheets” and you’ll see, both Poles have been melting inconceivably fast since well before 2002  
Ask ChatGPT “Do the poles control the Jet Streams?” and the answer is ‘Yes, the poles control the Jet Streams’  
The BBC now explains how and why extreme UK weather events are caused by our Jet Stream

The more the poles melt, the more often the Jet streams will stutter and stop  
The more the poles melt the more powerful, persistent and regular become the extreme weather events

This unprecedented weather is happening, every year, around the globe because we’ve massively melted the poles

Our greenhouse gases have warmed the planet so much already that it is too hot for the poles to exist today

Picture two ice cubes in a bath full of hot water.

Astute people realise that ‘Net Zero 2050’ is a total irrelevance - typical politician clap-trap

If we get to 2050 Net Zero, it won’t stop the weather getting worse

The poles are melting today - in 2023, so obviously - it’s too hot for them to exist today, in 2023

The only way to stop them melting is to suck vast volumes of greenhouse gas out of the atmosphere

But the UK’s politicians serve Growth, not humanity.

Their priority is money, not nature

Their desire is wealth, not your future

Their focus Economic Growth, not melting poles, tax cuts, not global crop failure

Backed by developers and financiers, this growth-driven Wiltshire Local Plan will dump 35 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e into the atmosphere from 100,000 new residents and the building of 37,000 new homes.

Over 18 years, this Local Plan promotes emissions of around 300 million tonnes, by Wiltshire.

An alternative plan could recognise the climate & environment reality and deploy all Wiltshire resources to try to Secure a Future.

i.e. Apply all Climate & Environmental policies currently detailed in the Local plan to existing urban environments  
Redesignate all pasture land as “Land to Transition”, via regenerative farming, to forever forest  
Deploy 37,000 zero-carbon Micro-EcoHomes to seed indigenous communities across the Transition Land  
House migrant farmers in micro EcoCommunities to plant, manage, maintain and protect transition forest  
Cut ruminant populations by 99%, repurpose them, first to restore our dead soil and then to be ‘forest foragers’  
Execute a strategic plan for Wiltshire to harvest energy to draw down carbon and produce eCrude & cultured food

The 1000Ha of land mentioned in this plan could sequester 20,000 tonnes per year if covered with mature trees.

Alternatively, 1000Ha of mature trees above deep geothermal and around big turbines could sequester 30x more.

But to draw down the 9 million tonnes which the existing ½ a million population emits yearly, 15,000Ha of land needed to have been fully transitioned already

By 2038 the plan should be to transition Wiltshire’s 90,000Ha of grazing land to have

- created 37,000 new households
- promoted large-scale ecological growth
- upgraded the entire urban estate
- sequestered 300 million tonnes

The current Wiltshire Local Plan promotes dumping an insane 300 million tonnes into the atmosphere by 2038.

A sane plan would focus immediately on methane reduction and carbon sequestration to give Wiltshire some chance of Securing a Future.”

2. “The report from Chippenham Town Council’s Head of Planning makes clear the extent to which Wiltshire Council’s Local Plan Review ignores the details as well as the aspirations of the Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan. (See Report paragraphs 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, 3.21, 3.24, and 3.26)

Wiltshire Council’s Local Plan Review doesn’t even try to justify the decades and scores of separate planning applications for which it has granted permission, with no five-year land supply plan and no other plans, except the ones referred to by the council as lying in the future, but not the today of any individual document.

See, for example, paragraph 3.28 Policy 8: ‘setting out three opportunity sites where proposals for redevelopment, informed by masterplans prepared by the developer (my emphasis) which does not accurately reflect the new areas of

housing which have now been built and occupied, principally at Hunters Moon and Birds Marsh estates.’

Instead, Wiltshire Council has thrown around, in different publications, abstract terms like master plan, concept plan, strategic concept plan, concept framework, emerging plan, spatial strategy, spatial vision, policy map—terms that defy close reading.

These irrational and discrepant documents also resist systematic analysis. I don’t think that my incomprehension results from lack of intellectual capacity. The documents manipulate assumptions about authority and expertise that are embedded in ideologically based policies, such as those concerning the free market, home ownership, deregulation or privatisation. But they are set out in vocabularies of environmentalism, empowerment, inclusion, transparency or sustainability.

The quantity of these publications masks the extent to which, in essential respects, Wiltshire Council has not advanced its stated mission but instead allowed it to stagnate and, at worst, decline.

## **Not Part of the Meeting - APPENDIX B**

### Responses to Public Questions - Extraordinary Full Council 20 November 2023

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