

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning & Environment Committee

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)

- 1.1 In accordance with Government requirements Swindon Borough Council is undertaking a Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) to identify potential sites and assess whether such sites are deliverable or developable for housing, employment or other economic uses. The SHELAA is part of the technical evidence base to help inform the preparation of the Local Plan Review and can also be used by those parishes producing Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2 The SHELAA only identifies sites with potential for future development. It does not allocate sites to be developed.
- 1.3 The identification of potential development sites within the SHELAA does not imply that the Swindon Borough Council would necessarily grant planning permission for development.
- 1.4 A 'call for sites' has led to both private and public lands being proposed and assessed for suitability. The initial sites assessment can be viewed on the Swindon Borough Council website, a summary for West Swindon is attached as Appendix A. Whilst there is a Statutory Consultation Period to come in early 2019, Swindon Borough Council is now asking for views on these initial sites and on the Local Plan Review, particularly any local knowledge which would assist the assessments.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Councillors note the report.
- 2.2 That this Committee agrees a response to Swindon Borough Council.