

**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET - CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION
S110 LOCALISM ACT - DUTY TO CO-OPERATE**

Wiltshire Council Written Submission

As a responsible local planning authority, Wiltshire Council in the preparation of its own Core Strategy continues to engage with Bath and North East Somerset (BANES). The Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-Submission Document (February 2012) was published for formal consultation on 20 February 2012.

Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 now in force sets out the general duty to cooperate in relation to activities that include the preparation of development plan documents in so far as it relates to strategic matters. Wiltshire Council considers that Section 110 should not be applied retrospectively.

Wiltshire Council agrees that the task for the Inspector at Examination is limited, as set out in Section 20(5)(c) of the 2004 Act, to enquiring whether the local planning authority has complied with its duty of cooperation in relation to the plan's **preparation**.

Wiltshire Council has written separately to the Programme Officer on a specific, unresolved issue relating to an experimental weight restriction to remove through HGV traffic from London Road where there is disagreement. Notwithstanding this, in line with Section 33A Wiltshire Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with BANES in an appropriate way leading up to formal submission of the plan. This has included meeting with Mendip District Council and BANES, holding informal discussions as well as the submission of comments at the publication stage.

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