**Sustainable Development Topic Group meeting: 16.30 on 29th January 2021**

Attending: Nick Murry, Richard Ecclestone, Myla Watts, Margaret Willmot, Julian Jones, Shirley McCarthy, Andrew Nicholson

(Recap) Topic Group objectives: To campaign for sustainable plans, policies, strategies and investments (via challenge and support) (premise: need carbon neutrally built in now to achieve net zero). Current focus: Wiltshire Local Plan consultation.

**Discussion**:

* Wiltshire Council's Local Plan belongs in the last Century - it is not fit for the future
* Current Plan proposals would destroy natural capital, carbon sinks and increase emissions from commuting/ unsustainable transport
* Looked at how we use Richard's excellent 'climate accountability matrix' to prepare the WCA response to Local Plan consultation
* Need to focus on Client Earth approach to the Plan needing to align with UK targets (68% reduction by 2030) and how it will achieve this
* Need to start preparing elements of our response asap
* Julian's suggestion of working with local Civic Societies to promote push back

**Actions**:

* Richard to prepare key points for Emerging Spatial Strategy (use CETG recommendations plus CSE and TCPA material)
* Nick and Myla to prepare key points on Chippenham plan
* Margaret to prepare key points on Salisbury plan
* Shirley to prepare list of key contacts to support our response (Client Earth, CSE, TCPA, etc.)
* Nick to share Client Earth letter and response (attached)
* Andrew to develop transport element of LP consultation response (via Transport TG)
* All - contact local Civic Society and encourage response to Local Plan  (post blog/ blog on climate/ environmental impact of local plan)
* Nick to attach his Chippenham Civic Society article (submitted but not published yet)
* Nick to reach out to Sam Hunter-Jones at Client Earth

**Date of next meeting – 17.00 on Monday 6th February 2021**

**Attachments:**

1. Client Earth Letter to Wiltshire Council on Local Plan compliance with Climate Change Act (UK’s Net Zero target)
2. Wiltshire Council reply to above
3. Wilts Council Climate Emergency Task Group Recommendations on Energy, Transport and Planning
4. CAUSE proposed response to Chippenham plan
5. Chippenham Civic Society article

**Links:**

Local Plan Review (2016-36): Consultation running from Wednesday 13th January 2021 to Tuesday 9th March 2021

[Local Plan Review:](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review) <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review>

[Cabinet Paper on Local Plan Review Consultation:](https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=13087&Ver=4) <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=13087&Ver=4>

[On line consultation events booking form: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XudGVeE7E0iw\_yZlHqL-GSHf4zXZ6chNp\_0GHTuWxRlUM0VVRzc1QkFBVENLWEs2UFA3MFZUQzA0WC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XudGVeE7E0iw_yZlHqL-GSHf4zXZ6chNp_0GHTuWxRlUM0VVRzc1QkFBVENLWEs2UFA3MFZUQzA0WC4u)

 RTPI paper (highlighted by Shirley):

<https://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/reports-and-publications/policy/planning/planning-white-paper-consultation-october-2020.pdf>

 National and other strategies:

[ciht-better-planning-a4\_updated\_linked\_.pdf](https://www.ciht.org.uk/media/10218/ciht-better-planning-a4_updated_linked_.pdf) (see Section B: Taking the right approach: 4. Sustainable planning at the strategic level)

(“The best way to create sustainable places, and mitigate climate change is by ensuring that the right principles are enshrined in local planning policies from the outset.”)

[Project LEO (project-leo.co.uk)](https://project-leo.co.uk/)

 Potential allies/ resources:

[ClientEarth | ClientEarth](https://www.clientearth.org/)

[Welcome | Centre for Sustainable Energy (cse.org.uk)](https://www.cse.org.uk/)

[Welcome to UKGBC | UK Green Building Council](https://www.ukgbc.org/)

<https://www.tcpa.org.uk/>

<https://www.rtpi.org.uk/>

Rgds,

Nick