

**Gloucestershire County Council, via email, 06/10/2023**

Dear Sir

Thank you for consulting Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on the above matter. I have the following officer comments to make.

### **Historic Environment**

The plan now includes the information from the Historic Environment Record which we previously advised should be incorporated. The information and policies in relation to the historic environment therefore seem to be adequately addressed and there are currently no known heritage assets with archaeological interest that would preclude development in the areas allocated for housing.

### **GCC Libraries and Information Services**

We note that our comments to the previous consultation don't appear to have been incorporated. I have included them again for convenience and request that they are considered for inclusion in the revised draft resulting from this consultation.

### **Comment on Section 5: 'Infrastructure – Community and Leisure'**

GCC ('the Library Authority') operates local library services that will attract users from new housing developments in the Neighbourhood Planning Area (NPA). New users in the NPA will place additional pressure on these services, and this in turn could require mitigation in some form, proportionate to the scale of growth proposed.

The Library Authority therefore requests that the impact of new housing development on existing community infrastructure outside the NPA, including libraries, is also addressed in the NDP. Specifically, the Library Authority recommends that reference is made at Section 5 of the NDP to the need for new housing development to comply with Cotswold District Local Plan 2011-2031 Policy INF1 ('Infrastructure Delivery'), the first paragraph of which states the following: *'Development will be permitted where infrastructure requirements identified to make the proposal acceptable in planning terms can be met. Provision of infrastructure will be secured having regard to regulatory and national policy requirements relating to developer contributions...'*.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

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