



Consultation Statement

July 2009



What is this document?

In March 2008 Gloucester City, Cheltenham Borough and Tewkesbury Borough Councils made a formal agreement to produce a Joint Core Strategy. This will be the main planning policy document in each of the local authority's Local Development Frameworks. It will set out the vision and strategy for addressing key issues to 2026. The Councils are committed to ensuring that people have timely opportunities to influence the Joint Core Strategy.

This statement sets out who will be consulted, how they will be contacted and when they will be contacted during the production of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS).

The approach to consultation described in this statement corresponds with the Gloucester City and Cheltenham Borough adopted Statements of Community Involvement and the Statement of Community Involvement submitted to the Secretary of State by Tewkesbury Borough Council. At each stage of the JCS production process the Councils have agreed to meet the highest level of engagement indicated in the three Statements of Community involvement. The planning application process and the production of all other documents in the Local Development Frameworks will continue in accordance with the standards adopted in the respective local authorities Statements of Community Involvement.

Getting Involved

Gloucester City, Cheltenham Borough and Tewkesbury Borough Councils (GCT) hold the details of a number of organisations and individuals who have asked to be contacted regarding the development of the JCS. A list of organisations that are classed as "Specific" is included at the end of this statement and they will be contacted during the JCS process. In addition, GCT will consult with the general public and other consultation bodies using a variety of means as set out in this statement. Full details of events will be published on the JCS website and in the quarterly JCS Newsletter.

Anyone who would like to get involved in the production of the JCS can ask to be added to the consultation system. If you would like to add your details to the database, please visit www.gct-jcs.org and click on 'public consultation' from the main menu. Alternatively please contact:

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Promenade
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 9SA

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Keeping Informed

GCT is committed to ensuring that everyone can access JCS documents in a convenient and timely manner. In addition to electronic access via the JCS website, paper copies of all consultation documents will be made available for viewing at the locations shown in Figure 1.

Large print and audio tape versions of all documents will be available on request. For people whose first language is not English, the translation of documents into a variety of Asian, Southeast Asian, African and European Languages is offered via the Gloucester City Council TAPESTRY service. GCT will produce a short statement in a variety of relevant languages advising of contact details for this service in each of its consultation documents.

The GCT JCS website www.gct-jcs.org will be the primary source of information regarding the development of the Joint Core Strategy and will be used to publicise consultation events. Technical studies, reports and policy development documents will all be made available to download on the website free of charge. A charge will be made for paper copies of some documents reflecting the printing costs.

GCT will produce a quarterly newsletter to ensure that the latest JCS developments are publicised. Newsletters will be published on the JCS website and paper copies will be made available at the locations outlined in Figure 1.

People with access to email will be emailed copies of the JCS newsletter and can also choose to receive regular notification of updates available on the website.

Figure 1: JCS Document Availability

Council Offices		
Gloucester City Council Offices Cheltenham Borough Council Offices Tewkesbury Borough Council Gloucestershire County Council Offices Forest of Dean District Council Offices Stroud District Council Offices Cotswold District Council Offices		
Gloucester City	Cheltenham Borough	Tewkesbury Borough
Gloucester Library Hucclecote Library Longlevens Library Matson Library Quedgely Library Tuffley Library Coney Hill Neighbourhood Project Matson Neighbourhood Project Podsmead Neighbourhood Project White City Community Project Barton, Tredworth & Eastgate Community Trust Three Bridges Partnership Gloucester & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Charlton Kings Library Cheltenham Central Library Hesters Way Library Prestbury Library Up Hatherley Library Bishop's Cleeve Library Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project Oakley Community Resource Centre Lower High Street Resource Centre Cheltenham Citizens Advice Bureau	Bishops Cleeve Library Brockworth Library Churchdown Library Tewkesbury Borough Library Winchcombe Library Priors Park Neighbourhood Project

Making Comments

Formal comments on the policies developed in the JCS will need to be made in writing. Comments can be made via the consultation portal on the JCS website, by email or by letter. People who have difficulties making comments using these formats should contact the JCS Consultation Team to discuss their requirements. During the early stages of developing the JCS, GCT will carry out informal consultation activities such as meetings, workshops and exhibitions. The findings of these events will also be considered when developing the JCS.

Getting Feedback

GCT recognises the importance of ensuring that the results of consultation exercises are reported back to those people who have been consulted, along with an indication as to how their response will help shape the final decision. This feedback must be open and honest.

All comments received regarding the JCS will be considered. A response report will be prepared to respond to all written comments received during consultation periods. Response reports will be made available on the JCS website and at the locations shown in Figure 1.

GCT will also report on the outcome of consultation meetings, workshops and exhibitions held during the preparation of the JCS. These reports will be made available on the JCS website.

Voluntary and Community Groups

Gloucester City, Cheltenham Borough and Tewkesbury Borough Councils are all signatories of the Gloucestershire Compact which aims to develop positive, effective working relationships between the public sector and the voluntary and community sector. Voluntary and community groups can often help to open up communication channels with people who may not otherwise engage with the planning process.

GCT are committed to ensuring that voluntary and community groups are able to respond during the JCS consultation periods and will make every effort to ensure that voluntary and community groups:

- Are notified in advance of forthcoming consultation periods;
- Understand whether they are being consulted as an organisation or whether they are being asked to canvas the opinions of their members;
- Have access to officer support to enable them to respond to consultation requests.

Consultation Activities

The types of consultation activity that will be carried out during the preparation of the Joint Core Strategy are shown below.

Evidence Gathering Stage: Ongoing Targeted Consultation

Group	Activity
Specific Consultees	Letters Email Discussion groups Meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JCS Cross Boundary Programme Board ▪ JCS Member Steering Group ▪ Neighbouring Local Authorities ▪ Government Office for the South West ▪ South West Councils ▪ All parish councils in the JCS area
Non-Specific Consultees	Letter Email Discussion groups
Community Groups and Interested parties	Letter Email Events / Conferences / Exhibitions
General Public	Notice on JCS website Press release

Development of JCS Issues and Questions: November 2009 to December 2009 Wider Public Consultation

Group	Activity
Specific Consultees	Letter Email Questionnaires Copies of consultation document Meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JCS Cross Boundary Programme Board ▪ JCS Member Steering Group ▪ Neighbouring Local Authorities ▪ Government Office for the South West ▪ South West Councils ▪ All parish councils in the JCS area
Non-Specific Consultees	Letter Email Questionnaires Planning for Real exercises (subject to resources)
Interested parties/ Community forums/ Groups	Letter Email Discussion groups
General Public	Notice on JCS website Press release Touring and fixed exhibitions across JCS area Posters across JCS area Leaflets Informal public meetings across the JCS area.

**Publication of Joint Core Strategy: March 2010 to April 2010
Pre Submission Consultation**

Group	Activity
Specific Consultees	Letter Email
Non-Specific Consultees	Letter Email Discussion groups/meetings across JCS area
Interested parties/ Community forums/ Groups	Letter Public meetings across JCS area
General Public	Notice on JCS website Press release Formal notices in The Gloucestershire Echo, The Citizen and The Evesham Journal and the London Gazette Exhibitions Posters Public meetings across JCS area.

Submission of Joint Core Strategy: May 2010

Activity

Notice on JCS Website

Formal notices in The Gloucestershire Echo, The Citizen and The Evesham Journal

Independent Examination: November 2010

Group	Activity
All those who made comments	Letter Email
General Public	Notice on JCS Website Press release

Adoption: May 2011

Group	Activity
All those with previous involvement	Letter Email
General Public	Website Formal notices in The Gloucestershire Echo, The Citizen and The Evesham Journal and the London Gazette

Specific Consultees

Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority
British Gas Properties
British Telecommunications Plc
British Waterways
Commission for Rural Communities
Countryside Agency
Coal Authority
Department for Culture Media and Sport
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
English Heritage
Environment Agency
Government Office for the South West (GOSW)
Gloucestershire Police Authority
Highways Agency
Ministry of Defence
National Grid Company Plc
Natural England
Relevant Electricity Gas and Telecommunications Companies
Severn Trent Water
South West Regional Assembly
South West Regional Development Agency
South East Regional Development Agency
Strategic Rail Authority
Thames Water
West Mercia Police Authority
West Midlands Regional Development Agency

Neighbouring Local Authorities

Cotswold District Council
Forest of Dean District Council
Gloucestershire County Council
Herefordshire Council
Malvern Hills District Council
Monmouthshire County Council
Oxfordshire County Council
South Gloucestershire Council
Stroud District Council
Swindon Borough Council
Warwickshire County Council
Wiltshire County Council
Worcestershire County Council
Wychavon District Council

Parish Councils

Alderton Parish Council
Ashchurch Rural Parish Council
Ashleworth Parish Council
Badgeworth Parish Council
Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council
Boddington Parish Council
Brockworth Parish Council
Buckland Parish Council
Chaceley Parish Council
Charlton Kings Parish Council
Churchdown Parish Council
Deerhurst Parish Council
Down Hatherley Parish Council
Dumbleton Parish Council
Elmstone Hardwicke Parish Council
Forthampton Parish Council
Gotherington Parish Council
Great Witcombe Parish Meeting
Gretton Parish Council
Hasfield Parish Meeting
Hawling Parish Meeting
Highnam Parish Council
Hucclecote Parish Council
Innsworth Parish Council
Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council
Leigh Parish Council
Longford Parish Council
Maisemore Parish Council
Minsterworth Parish Council
Northway Parish Council
Norton Parish Council
Oxenton Parish Meeting
Prescott Parish Meeting
Prestbury Parish Council
Quedgeley Parish Council
Sandhurst Parish Council
Shurdington Parish Council
Snowhill Parish Meeting
Southam Parish Council
Stanton Parish Council
Stanway Parish Council
Staverton Parish Council
Stoke Orchard Parish Council
Sudeley Parish Meeting
Swindon Parish Council
Teddington & Alstone Parish Council
Tewkesbury Town Council
Tirley Parish Council
Toddington Parish Council
Twigworth Parish Council
Twynning Parish Council
Uckington Parish Council
Up Hatherley Parish Council
Wheatpieces Parish Council
Winchcombe Town Council
Woodmancote Parish Council

Neighbouring Parish Councils

Aston Sommerville
Aston-under-Hill Parish Council
Beckford Parish Council
Birdlip Parish Council
Blockley Parish Council
Bredon Parish Council
Bredon's Norton Parish Council
Brimpsfield Parish Council
Broadway Parish Council
Brookthorpe with Wadden Parish Council
Bushley Parish Council
Childswickham
Churcham Parish Clerk
Coberley Parish Council
Corse Parish Council
Cowley Parish Council
Cranham Parish Council
Cutsdean Parish Council
Dowdeswell Parish Council
Eldersfield Parish Council
Elmore Parish Council
Guiting Power Parish Council
Hardwicke Parish Council
Haresfield Parish Council
Hartpury Parish Council
Hazleton Parish Council
Kemerton Parish Council
Naunton Parish Council
Notgrove Parish Council
Overbury & Conderton Parish Council
Ripple Parish Council
Rudford & Highleadon Parish Council
Sedgeberrow Parish Council
Sevenhampton Parish Council
Staunton Parish Council
Strensham Parish Council
Temple Guiting Parish Council
Upton St Leonards Parish Council
Westbury-on-Severn
Whittington Parish Council

Non-Specific Consultees

Non-Specific Consultees include the following groups:

- Agent/Consultant
- Community Group
- General Public
- Government Agency
- Interest Group
- Landowner/Developer
- Utility Supplier

Please note a number of individuals from Government Agency and Utility Supplier are recorded as Specific Consultees. This is shown on the table under Specific Consultees.