
Report on Questionnaire Answers

Questionnaire: Local Plan 2020

Question: [24: Appendix 2: Draft policies: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Sy...

Respondent Name	User Response: Text	Response Created
A. Ashyon	Make these options easy for the general public to access at home.	31 Jan 2021
Alan Jones - Hanham & District Greenbelt Conservation Society	The suggestion that bio-mass heat sources are considered as a non-carbon heat source, is plain nonsense - plant trees/ cut them down/ process them into pellets/ transport/burn them!!! Not least the emissions will cause pollution.	26 Feb 2021
Andrew Rigler	All low energy proposals should be TRULY low energy, not a massive energy investment to make a small daily energy saving or at the risk of increasing pollution elsewhere.y	31 Jan 2021
Angela Chapman	By making Thornbury high St. pedestrianised will cut emissions in the high st. The buildings either side causes emissions to stay within that area trapping them . Therefore the area in the high st. Would better be made to accommodate pleasant areas to sit and walk around safely.,	23 Feb 2021
Angela Crabtree	Please see the Trapp'd Response. (Thornbury Residents Against Poorly Planned Development)	28 Feb 2021
Ashfield Land	No comments.	31 Mar 2021
Caroline Phillips	Is this fully sustainable or at best only a % of full requirements. With a lot of outer areas still having oil as a heating solution, how does this fall into this policy?	12 Mar 2021
Catherine Bird	I don't know enough to comment	28 Feb 2021
Catherine Graham	far more commitment and detail required for it to be taken seriously.	08 Feb 2021
CEG and the Charfield Landowners Consortium (CEGCLC)	Please see accompanying covering letter.	23 Apr 2021
Charlcombe Estates	This policy places considerable constraints on new development that have not been considered.	04 Mar 2021
Chris Rich - Mizmo Communications Ltd	No comment.	11 Mar 2021

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Clara Goss - Redrow Homes Ltd	Pegasus make no comment.	26 Apr 2021
Clifton Homes (SW) Ltd	We do not seek to comment on these at this stage.	24 Mar 2021
Colin Gardner - TRAPP'D	No comment.	15 Mar 2021
Daphne Dunning - Pucklechurch Parish Council	<p>Truly sustainable economic growth and development means recognising that our long-term prosperity relies on rebalancing our demand of nature's goods and services with its capacity to supply them. It also means accounting fully for the impact of our interactions with nature. In the end our economies, livelihoods and well-being all depend on this one precious asset.</p> <p>As above, there is far too little insistence that any new development enforce minimum energy efficiency standards in private bought and rented sectors or any requirement of higher standards than current national standards for new build – ideally all new homes and commercial properties should be zero carbon or even better built to Passivhaus standard and even though local authorities are unable to mandate this standard it is possible to insist on certain aspects of it (energy usage, insulation, build quality etc). Further, thanks to the Green Building Council and Core Cities, the government has clarified that “local authorities are not restricted in their ability to require energy efficiency standards above Building Regulations.” The council fail to exploit this. Any new development should require developers to the highest standards in energy conservation, renewables, insulation, energy management systems and fitting eco-heating and developing heat networks where appropriate.</p> <p>Further, the policy fails to fully address any new developments waste. It should adopt a circular economy waste policy – for example in local plans, minerals plans and waste management plans and contracts, as well as promoting community sharing, reuse and recycling and have a Zero waste to landfill or incineration – in waste disposal contracts ensure biodegradable waste, such as food waste and paper/ cardboard, is recycled, composted or used to generate biogas (see below).</p> <p>There should be an insistence that any development identifies areas suitable for renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps. All development infrastructure (eg street lighting) should have well-designed and well directed LED lights). Larger developments should include requirement for larger green infrastructures such as producing biogas – in the waste contract, require the production of biogas from non-recyclable biodegradable waste, low carbon district heating.</p> <p>The plan fails to address the need to retrospectively address atmospheric carbon or atmospheric pollution. Both can be addressed by the proficient use of trees and Green spaces and there should be an insistence that any development not just addresses nature within the development boundary but addresses climate change mitigation by allowing an abundance of natural spaces and the planting trees and hedgerows (not just preserving existing ones). Existing green spaces and woodlands</p>	08 Apr 2021

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	should be protected in any development as carbon capture. For the same reason the green belt should be protected at all costs.	
David George	How about No carbon energy schemes ?	15 Feb 2021
David Hathaway	No comment	27 Feb 2021
David Heape	Is this fully sustainable or at best only a % of full requirements. With a lot of outer areas still having oil as a heating solution, how does this fall into this policy?	12 Mar 2021
David Redgewell - South West Transport Network and Railfuture Severnside	Support a policy to include windmill on the Severn Estuary and Cotswolds hills. If a third road and railway bridge is built between Sharpness and Lydney as a railway division then and hydro scheme should be looked at. But Navigation right need to be addressed on the River Severn. Gloucestershire County Council, Stroud District Council, and Forest of Dean Council are looking at this crossing.	28 Feb 2021
David Reynolds	Car charging - The council should have a clear strategy on car charging points. There needs to be sites for car charging stations (similar to petrol stations) in addition to on street charging. Consideration should be given to encouraging supermarkets to install points and they should be installed at large car parks such as Yate shopping centre.	28 Feb 2021
Derek Fletcher - Wickwar Youth Centre	The existing developments off Sodbury Road have some of the properties being built with solar panels on the roofs but still have gas fired boilers this should now be heat pumps.	18 Feb 2021
Diverse Partnerships (In Collaboration With Edward Ware Homes)	Please see submitted Local Plan 2020 Phase 1 Issues and Approaches Consultation Response Document.	05 May 2021
Donna Simmons - Emersons Green Town Council	No	01 Mar 2021
Ellandi LLP On Behalf of Crestbridge Corporate Trustees Ltd and Crestbridge T...	Consider introducing a policy that new development should be 'connection ready' in locations where District heating systems are planned and advanced towards delivery.	05 May 2021
Emma Jarvis	No	28 Feb 2021
Fiona Milden - Vistry Homes	Vistry Homes has no comments on this policy.	09 Mar 2021

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Fi Riches	see 22	09 Dec 2020
Hannick Homes	This policy places considerable constraints on new development that must be properly assessed.	25 Mar 2021
Heather Elgar - Woodland Trust	Renewable and Low Carbon Energy System: We highlight the importance of developing policies that ensure that important ecological sites and the integrity of ecological networks are not compromised, including no damage to ancient woodlands and veteran trees, in the design and delivery of local renewable energy.	12 Feb 2021
Helen Johnstone - Stroud District Council	SDC support the principle of a Renewable Energy Resource Assessment Study (RERAS) to include technical maps identifying areas suitable for renewable energy generation. SDC would draw attention to the need to have regard to areas identified as suitable in principle for ground-mounted solar development and wind energy development as part of the Stroud District Local Plan Review, to ensure strategic, cross boundary compatibility. The policy wording should include criteria for the consideration of impacts, including in relation to re-powering existing wind turbine installations and solar farms, with regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact of the scheme, together with any cumulative impacts, on landscape character, visual amenity, water quality and flood risk, heritage significance, recreation, biodiversity and, where appropriate, agricultural landuse, aviation, and telecommunications • the impact on amenity for residents and users of the area to include, as relevant, shadow flicker, air quality, vibration and noise • Consideration of renewable energy proposals within the Cotswolds AONB The scope of the policy could also consider a requirement for remedial works where a site ceases to be operational.	26 Feb 2021
Ian Leslie	I have commented above	28 Feb 2021
James Carpenter - Falfield Parish Council	No.	14 Apr 2021
John Acton	See Question 22 above.	26 Mar 2021
John Brimacombe	See comments 22.	28 Feb 2021
John Mills - Cotswolds Conservation Board	In principle, the Cotswolds Conservation Board supports the generation of energy from renewables or low carbon sources, particularly where such development contributes directly to meeting the needs of communities within the Cotswolds National Landscape.	16 Mar 2021

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	<p>Within the Cotswolds National Landscape and its setting, care will need to be taken to ensure that such development is compatible with the statutory purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the National Landscape.</p> <p>We support the identification of ‘suitable areas’ for renewable energy development. This process should include a Landscape and Visual Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (LVSCA), as outlined in response to Question 16. In addition, it should identify additional key constraints and have a buffer zone around these. Relevant constraints would include scheduled monuments, international and national nature conservation designations, access land and common land, roads and public rights of way.</p> <p>The principles outlined in response to Question 16, regarding major development and development in the setting of the Cotswolds National Landscape, and in response to Question 5, regarding a landscape-led approach to development in the Cotswolds National Landscape and its setting, should also apply.</p> <p>The Board has published a Renewable Energy Position Statement. It is likely that this position statement will be reviewed and updated following the review of the Board’s Climate Change Strategy. However, for the time being, the current version remains the Board’s position. So, for example, at present, we recommend that, in the Cotswolds National Landscape, wind turbines should not exceed 25m in height (to the tip of the blade).</p> <p>The policy and supporting text should make explicit reference to constraints that apply in the Cotswolds National Landscape and other relevant constraints.</p> <p>It is important to note that renewable energy is not the only option for offsetting the carbon emissions that will still be produced by new development. Alternative options that might be more appropriate in the context of the Cotswolds National Landscape include tree planting (where this is consistent with landscape character) and increasing the organic content of soils.</p>	
Jonathan Edwardes - Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council	<p>Renewables: Councils must lead the way in installing renewables generation, but financial assistance and reliable technical support is needed. A quick tally of schools and village halls will show the vast area available, which could be incorporated into a SouthGlos Energy Project. The Council needs to be ambitious.</p> <p>Additional comments sent by email on Monday 1st March 2021 -</p> <p>Installation of renewables on all new build should be established as essential. Acres of roof could be acres of PV panels which, if installed at the time of construction, would have only marginal effect on build costs.</p> <p>The potential for renewables is far greater than relying on nuclear. Manufacture of renewables, and the research and development of new technology, is far better for employment and for the economy than the old technology of nuclear. In rural areas, especially, renewables provide the opportunity for self-sufficiency.</p>	26 Feb 2021

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Kate Kelliher	Consider improvements to housing without full PassivHaus.	31 Jan 2021
Kevin Masters	I have read Trapp'd's response and wish to add my name to it.	25 Feb 2021
Lauren Cook - Stride Treglown	No comment on this matter	01 Mar 2021
Mactaggart & Mickel - Frampton Cotterell	This policy places considerable constraints on new development that have not been considered.	07 Apr 2021
Martyn Hall	Hydrogen fuel cells is the only viable solution which is coming soon. Also the thornbury line which requires a field to be purchased where the station can go , 1/4 mile line and you have a thornbury train people will use	26 Feb 2021
Matthew Blaken - DJ&P Newland Rennie Ltd	What criteria would be used to 'safeguard' sites. Is this compatible with other agricultural / rural economy uses.	14 Dec 2020
Matthew McCollom	The principles are sound. The manner of implementation is the key.	28 Feb 2021
Maurice Wayne	No	08 Feb 2021
Melinda Evans	Identification of sites suitable for community energy projects	01 Mar 2021
Michael Sharpe-Neal	see above.	28 Feb 2021
Mike Burgess	I think that it is appropriate to insist on incorporating the the opportunities emerging with technology (such as Solar Panels and EV charging points) in new properties , but Builders should not seek " brownie points" for doing what is not only Legally Required but also (ahead of legislation) aimed at adding profitable selling points	21 Feb 2021
Mr. Blake - Oldland Parish Council	Essential in all 'new builds' Better provision of Car Battery charging points and location of identity for the public	17 Feb 2021
Nick Hudson	not unless you commit to build only carbon negative housing	15 Jan 2021
Nick Woodward	The design of developments should include renewable components, solar roof panels etc.	28 Feb 2021
Nicola O'Connell	No comment	27 Feb 2021
Patrick Williams	Wind farm development has to be considered further. There are also options on the Severn, beyond the ideas of a tidal barrage, e.g. tidal reservoirs and tidal fences are nowhere near as effective in energy generation, but they are very cost effective and	09 Mar 2021

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	can have less impact on the eco system.	
Paula Evans - Rangeworthy Parish Council	All new build houses to have electric car charging points. Explore public charging points within villages and pay Parish Councils a wayleave if it can be provided on Parish Council land.	26 Feb 2021
Pauline and Richard Wilson	Small scale river flow generation should also be considered but not if it impedes fish migration and other environmental concerns.	25 Feb 2021
Persimmon Homes Severn Valley	Please see attached document.	11 May 2021
Peter Box	As stated above, priority should be given to providing housing in locations to minimise commuter travel. The region will never have mass transit systems to rival London's underground rail and overground bus networks so unless residential and working areas are within comfortable walking or cycling distances, there will be increased car use.	23 Feb 2021
Peter Rawlinson - Gleeson Strategic Land	No comments.	10 Mar 2021
Progress Land Ltd	No.	11 May 2021
Rebecca Woodward	The design of developments should include renewable components	28 Feb 2021
Redcliffe Homes	This policy places considerable constraints on new development that have not been considered.	04 Mar 2021
Redcliffe Homes	No comments.	01 Jun 2021
Redrow Homes (SW)	Please see enclosed representations.	29 Apr 2021
Richard Bentham	Please promote motorcycles as a mode of efficient, low pollution, less congested commuting. Your plan mentions them twice. Not good enough! Provide secure parking & promote awareness with roadside poster campaign. Your report often states the commuting/shopping distances are too far or difficult to walk. Cycling is suitable for some people travelling a few miles. Not everyone is able to cycle.	26 Jan 2021
Richard Lloyd	This is a potentially controversial policy area. Getting the location of projects right will be crucial if there is to wide community support. I have no additional issues to suggest for inclusion in the policy.	03 Mar 2021
Robert Harris - Olveston Parish Council	No	26 Feb 2021
Robin Perry	see 22.	21 Feb 2021
Roger Hall	See TRAPP'D response.	25 Feb 2021

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Rosalyn Pyle	No	28 Feb 2021
Sean and Jacqueline Rinaldi	No.	26 Mar 2021
Simon Moore	Policy must include: 1. All development in the county to include heat pumps, solar panels, electric car charging points, full insulation - without exception. 2. Zero carbon by a precise target date. 3. Target date to remove all gas boilers from the county. 4. Over-riding priority to restore grassland, woodland, heath and scrub, as carbon absorbers, where this has been degraded by previous development.	28 Feb 2021
Simon Steele-Perkins - Waddeton Park Limited	No.	06 May 2021
South West Strategic Developments (SWSD)	Please see enclosed representations.	31 Mar 2021
St. Modwen Developments and The Tortworth Estate	No.	05 Mar 2021
Stephen Hickmans	Using low carbon to improve all amenities	26 Jan 2021
Steve Seward	Rather than seek low carbon and renewable energy for new developments all efforts should continue to be made to enhance the existing populations homes	13 Feb 2021
Sue Green - Home Builders Federation	The HBF have no comments on the Council's draft Renewable & Low Carbon Energy System Policy.	05 Mar 2021
Susan Smith	No	16 Feb 2021
The Tortworth Estate	No.	05 Mar 2021
Tom Cotton - Road Haulage Association	See our response at 3.	01 Mar 2021
Tony Kerr	There appears to be no presumption in favour of renewable energy as a land use. No suggestion that the AONB protections would be relaxed to allow for renewable energy installations.	17 Feb 2021
Tristan Clark -	In part 1 of the policy wording criteria d ('secure local economic benefits') should	01 Mar

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South Gloucestershire Council	be elaborated to include various forms of Community Benefit agreements between the renewable energy firm and the town or parish councils where the sites are situated. If such an agreement is reached and the lifespan of the site is subsequently extended that Community Benefit agreement should be amended, wherever appropriate, to extend the local economic benefit as well.	2021
Trystan Mabbitt - Hanson UK - Heidelberg Cement Group	No comment.	18 Mar 2021
Victoria Bailey - Oldbury on Severn Parish Council	In principle this policy to work towards a Carbon neutral future is appropriate. Phase 2 will no doubt provide more detail with the findings of the SGC commissioned study.	24 Mar 2021
Vistry Group	Please refer to enclosed representations.	06 May 2021
William Howell	No	23 Feb 2021

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