Dear Sir/Madam

South Gloucestershire Core Strategy – Submission for independent examination

South Gloucestershire Council submitted its Core Strategy Development Plan Document to the Secretary of State on 31st March 2011 for Examination. Once adopted the Core Strategy will be a key planning policy document for South Gloucestershire setting out the general location of development, its type and scale, as well as protecting what is valued about the area.

Submission documents, including the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy and other supporting documents, are available to view on the Council’s website at www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy

Access to the documents via the Council’s website is available at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- The Council’s One-Stop Shops:
  - Yate, Kennedy Way, BS37 4DQ (access via West Walk)
  - Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR
  - Thornbury, Castle Street, BS35 1HF
- All South Gloucestershire libraries.

The submission documents include:

- Core Strategy: Pre-Submission Publication Draft March 2010
- Proposed Changes December 2010 and Further Proposed Changes March 2011
- Changes to the Proposals Map December 2010
- Sustainability Appraisal: March 2010 with December 2010 updates
- Statements of Consultation and Representations required under Regulation 30(1)(d) and (e).
- Copies of representations received during the March-August 2010 and December 2010-February 2011 consultation periods.
- Other supporting documents that are relevant to the preparation of the Core Strategy.

A schedule of all submission documents can be viewed at www.southglos.gov.uk/submissiondocuments

Please note that following the end of the consultation on the proposed changes to the Core Strategy in February 2011, a number of further minor editorial/factual amendments to the Core Strategy have been proposed. These can be viewed at
www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy and any comments made to the Council by 27th May 2011, by email or letter to the addresses below. Comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector appointed to carry out the examination, and/or of the adoption of the DPD.

Following the recent announcement in the budget about the ‘Plan for Growth’ - www.communities.gov.uk/statements/corporate/planningforgrowth - the Inspector appointed to undertake the Examination has invited anyone who wishes to comment on this in relation to the Core Strategy to do so. Comments can be made to the Council by 27th May 2011, by email or letter to the addresses below.

Please be aware that comments received, including personal details, cannot be kept confidential.

For further information or assistance, please contact the Council’s Spatial Planning Team by telephone on 01454 863469, by email at planningLDF@southglos.gov.uk or by post to Spatial Planning Team, South Gloucestershire Council, PO Box 2081, South Gloucestershire, BS35 9BP.

Yours faithfully

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