Dear Representor

South Gloucestershire Core Strategy: Participation at the Examination

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer responsible for assisting the Inspector with all aspects of the administration of the forthcoming Examination into the soundness of the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy. The Secretary of State has appointed Mr Paul Crysell BSc MSc MRTPI of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct this Examination.

The Inspector will be drawing up a list of issues that will form the hearing sessions at the Examination and he will also make the final decision about who will be asked to appear at each session. However, to assist the Inspector, I am writing to everyone who has made representations on the Core Strategy (including the Proposed Changes) to ask for confirmation from those who have expressed an interest in appearing at the hearing sessions. Please note that anyone is welcome to attend the Examination as a spectator and that this letter is solely about participating in the discussions that the Inspector will be chairing.

In responding to this letter, and where you have made multiple representations to the Core Strategy and/or the Proposed Changes, please would you indicate whether you would wish to appear on every representation or only on selected ones. In the latter case, please specify which representations. Could you also indicate whether a Proposed Change, if accepted, would overcome a previous representation. Please note that matters will be dealt with by topic meaning that those who have made a number of representations will have to attend different sessions as and when the issues come up for discussion.

Please can you respond in writing to the above address or via email to Programme.Officer@southglos.gov.uk by no later that 1 June 2011, so as to avoid any delay in preparing for the Examination. If you no longer want to remain on our mailing list to be kept informed about the next stages of the Core Strategy, please also advise me. If I don’t hear from you by this date it will be assumed that you don’t wish to participate.
The Inspector has also indicated that, in the circumstances where there are common representations, it would be sensible that one or two people are identified as spokespersons.

I will write to you again as details of the Examination are confirmed. In the meantime, regularly updated information will be posted on the Examination website, [www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategyexamination](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategyexamination), including any additional information that the Council makes available.

Please contact me should you have any queries regarding the Examination, otherwise I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

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