

South Gloucestershire Local Development Framework Core Strategy DPD Examination

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Dear Representor

South Gloucestershire Core Strategy

I am writing to update you on the current position of the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy and to advise you of the forthcoming programme for its progression.

South Gloucestershire Council submitted the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for examination on 31 March 2011. Following the submission Mr Paul Crysell was appointed as the independent Inspector to undertake the Examination in Public. The Inspector requested an Exploratory Meeting with the Council in order to explore a number of issues, this occurred on 29 June.

Following the Exploratory Meeting, the Inspector wrote to the Council on 15 August. In his letter the Inspector recognised that the announcement of the proposed closure of Filton Airfield was unexpected and that the Council had undertaken some preliminary work to assess the implications and opportunities this proposed decision presents. However, he asked that further work is undertaken to ensure that the Core Strategy provides a clear framework against which planning decisions can be taken on the future use of the airfield consistent within the wider housing provision and Green Belt context.

The Council responded to the Inspector on 2 September. It set out a suggested programme for undertaking that further work. The programme also included the re-publishing of an updated Core Strategy for public consultation. The Inspector has now responded to the Council indicating that he agrees with the overall programme set out in their letter of the 2 September and has confirmed that the Examination is suspended for a period of up to six months from the beginning of October.

The Council is now undertaking the required work which will inform the production of a refreshed Core Strategy that incorporates 'Post-Submission Changes'. This will be published for full public consultation during December 2011. Following collation of the representations received as part of that consultation it is anticipated that the Examination process will resume during March 2012.

You will be notified of the commencement of the further consultation and you will be advised of the procedure for making representations. Please note that all representations submitted on the Core Strategy to date will still be considered by the Inspector so there will be no need to repeat previous representations.

Further information, including all the letters referred to above, can be found on the Council's website at www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy or the Examination Website at www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategyexamination.

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Yours faithfully

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