

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CORE STRATEGY – FURTHER SESSIONS - WEEK 4

Having reviewed issues in the first two weeks of the hearing sessions I have decided it would be helpful to clarify certain matters arising from the discussions to date.

My intention is to hold further sessions on Wednesday 18 July. Thursday 19 July will be available to complete these if it is not possible to do so on the 18th.

The areas I wish to cover are:

1. Revisions to policy CS15 and the provision of a 5 year housing land supply.
2. Consideration of alternative policy wording in relation to the Mall and Cribbs Causeway retail areas. Following the debate on Matter 13 the Council said it would clarify how these locations should be treated during the plan period.
3. Options for taking the CS forward, assuming it is possible to address deficiencies in the Plan, whether by means of a further period of suspension, early review of the Plan or any other mechanism.
4. Initial views of key policy changes put forward in the Council's 'Schedule of Rolling Suggested Changes' (SRC1) in advance of main modifications I might recommend.

I do not wish to hear points which have already been made but would like to know if any of the changes would address in whole or part the problems identified by participants. This would help me to decide whether it would be possible to recommend modifications to make the Plan sound.

My intention is to devote the morning of the 18th to housing and retail changes (items 1 & 2) and the first part of the afternoon to item 3. Under item 4 I do not consider it is necessary to seek views on every modification suggested by the Council but I would welcome them on those I consider to be of particular importance.

It is possible that other matters will arise during Week 3 which necessitate inclusion as part of the additional sessions in Week 4. Should this happen I will deal with these issues on 19th July.

For any participant who is unable to be present at these extra sessions I am willing to take written submissions although I ask that these be as brief as possible, do not repeat arguments previously made and explain how far any changes would address your concerns or what further alterations would be needed in order to do so.

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Inspector
30 June 2012