Consultation on the Inspector's Draft Main Modifications to the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy Statement of Representations Procedure Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Localism Act 2011 Regulation 13 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans & Programmes 2004

The South Gloucestershire Core Strategy will be the key document in the Council's Local Plan and applies to the whole of South Gloucestershire. It sets out a vision for the area and the spatial strategy for future development to 2027. It includes policies and programmes for the general location of new development, its type and scale, and the resources to deliver it, as well as protecting what is valued about the area.

The South Gloucestershire Core Strategy was subject to examination by an independent Inspector between 19 June and 18 July 2012. The Inspector has submitted his preliminary findings to the Council, in which he concludes that the March 2011 Submission Core Strategy, as amended by the December 2011 Core Strategy incorporating Post-Submission Changes, is capable of being made sound provided a number of Main Modifications are made.

Representations are now invited on the Inspector's Draft Main Modifications. All comments received will be passed to the Inspector for his consideration. The Council will not be formally responding to any representations made on these modifications.

The Council has produced a Sustainability Appraisal report on the draft Main Modifications. All comments received on this report will be copied to the Inspector and will be considered by the Council.

A schedule of minor changes (Additional Modifications) which the Council will make to the Core Strategy at adoption is available for inspection.

Copies of the above documents are available for inspection, 8.45am - 5pm Mondays to Wednesdays and 8.45am - 4.30pm Thursdays and Fridays, at the Council's One-Stop Shops:

- Thornbury, Castle Street, BS35 1HF
- Yate, Kennedy Way, BS37 4DQ (access via West Walk)
- Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR
- Patchway Hub, Rodway Road, Patchway BS34 5PE

The documents are also available to view on the Council's website at South Gloucestershire libraries (please refer to www.southglos.gov.uk for locations and opening times). The documents are also published for inspection on the Council's website at www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy. The Draft Main Modifications and Additional Modifications should be read in conjunction with the Submission Core Strategy and December 2011 Core Strategy referred to above.

To assist the Inspector and the Council, any representations should be confined to the draft Main Modifications and Sustainability Appraisal Report and should not relate to matters already covered as part of the examination of the Core Strategy.

Representations may be made in writing or by electronic communication between Thursday 4 October and Friday 16 November 2012 to the following addresses:

- By email to planningLDF@southglos.gov.uk
- By letter to Strategic Planning Policy and Specialist Advice Team, South Gloucestershire Council, PO Box 2081, South Gloucestershire, BS35 9BP

Please ensure that the Council receives all representations by Friday 16 November.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of either of the following:

- the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector appointed to carry out the independent examination of the Core Strategy
- the adoption of the Core Strategy

For further information or assistance please contact the Strategic Planning Policy & Specialist Advice Team on 01454 863469 or by email to planningLDF@southglos.gov.uk