

From: NIBLETT, Robert [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 December 2016 09:33
To: Planning LDF
Subject: FW: Policies, Sites and Places (PSP) Plan: Submission

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for consulting Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on the above matter I have the following officer comments to make.

Ecology Comments

In relation to our representation on the previous version of the PSP (email 2nd September 2016) where we raised concerns about the HRA and lack of reference to the Stroud Local Plan the South Gloucestershire Council response on this is as follows:

Comments noted - No Change Required

The June 2016 PSP Plan does not contain any housing allocations, other than those carried forward from the 2006 Local Plan. Therefore no additional or enhanced recreational pressure will be created by the PSP Plan.

Notwithstanding the fact that no potential is considered to exist for impacts upon the Severn Estuary due to the PSP Plan policies, an Addendum Note to the 2016 Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Policies, Sites and Places Development Plan Document (PSP DPD) has been prepared. This considers the potential for in-combination effects on the Severn Estuary arising from the PSP Plan and Stroud Local Plan. Please see November 2016 HRA Addendum Note

On looking at the recently produced HRA Addendum Note we can see that section 4 outlines the outcome of the HRA for the Stroud Local Plan which was that special measures were needed to avoid a significant impact on the Severn Estuary EMS from recreational activities occurring. We are pleased to see that the PSP Plan has now looked at a possible in-combination effect with the Stroud Local Plan/HRA. Saying that it is noted that the PSP Plan does not have policies concerning the allocation of significant housing growth which might generate some increased recreational pressure on the Severn Estuary European Marine Site that would need to be assessment. We can therefore agree with the assertions and conclusions in paragraphs 4.8, 5.1 and crucially 5.2 of the PSP Plan's HRA. The County Council has **no objections to the HRA outcome for the PSP Plan** at the Submission Stage.

However earlier this month on the separate emerging West of England Joint Spatial Plan we said:

"It is agreed that the HRA can be progressed later when a full version will be prepared ready for the summer 2017 consultation of the publication version of the JSP. Where in-combination assessment is required for certain aspects of the publication version then we trust Gloucestershire's Minerals, Waste and Transport Plans will be taken into account as relevant considerations. This is best done by looking at HRAs compiled for these various Local Plans which can be made available by the County Council as relevant. Similarly the Stroud Local Plan is a consideration for in-combination assessment in the HRA if appropriate."

We therefore look forward to the new full HRA that will be submitted with the West of England JSP which will have relevance to a new South Gloucestershire Local Plan that will then be produced.

If you would like to discuss any of the points raised in this email please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Rob Niblett
Planning Officer

From: South Gloucestershire Online Consultations (do not reply) [<mailto:do-not-reply@consultations.southglos.gov.uk>]
Sent: 18 November 2016 11:33
To: NIBLETT, Robert
Subject: Policies, Sites and Places (PSP) Plan: Submission

Dear Sir/ Madam

Policies, Sites and Places (PSP) Plan: Submission

I am writing to update you on progress with the Council's Policies, Sites and Places Plan, which was submitted for examination, in line with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, on the 14th November 2016. I am also writing to inform you of the availability of the Council's suggested modifications to the PSP Plan which have been published for comment, and which have also been submitted alongside the Plan.

Alongside the Plan and the schedule of suggested modifications, the following additional information was also submitted for Examination: the corresponding changes to the Policies Map, a report of engagement and main issues, a Sustainability Appraisal, a Habitat Regulations Assessment and copies of representations made in respect of the proposed submission PSP Plan (referred to as 'the submission documents'). Details regarding these documents can be viewed at www.southglos.gov.uk/PSPsubmission.

In line with the Regulations, the submission documents are available to view at from 8.45am - 5pm Mondays to Wednesdays and 8.45am - 4.30pm Thursdays and Fridays, at the Council's One-Stop Shops:

- Thornbury Library, St Mary Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AA
- Yate, Kennedy Way, BS37 4DQ (access via West Walk)
- Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR
- Patchway Hub, Rodway Road, Patchway, BS34 5PE

These documents are also available to view at South Gloucestershire Libraries (please refer to www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries for locations and opening times).

The schedule of suggested modification to the Proposed Submission Plan has been prepared for the Inspector to consider as part of the examination process. The suggested modifications are intended to address representations made on the Proposed Submission PSP Plan (June 2016) as well as changes that have emerged through internal consultation with officers.

In order to aid the Inspector's consideration of these suggested modifications, the Council is now publishing these suggestions for comment from 18th November 2016 to 6th January 2017.

Local Green Space (LGS) Designation

The suggested modifications include amendments to spaces that are capable of designation in accordance with the published assessment criteria following consideration of the duly made representations. Further information about the assessment of representations, internal review and suggested modifications can be found at www.southglos.gov.uk/PSPsubmission.

Making comments

All comments should be made in relation to the Council's suggested modifications to the Plan and focus on whether the suggested modification is 'legally compliant' and 'sound'. Further information about how to make comments can be found at www.southglos.gov.uk/PSPsubmission.

Comments should be submitted, using the response form provided, by 7.00pm on 6th January 2017 to the following:

- By e-mail: PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk; or

- By post: Strategic Planning Policy and Specialist Advice Team, South Gloucestershire Council, Environment and Community Services Department, PO Box 299, Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 0DR.

Next steps

If you would like any further information, please contact the Strategic Planning Policy Team at PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk or on 01454 863464. General information and details of past stages of the PSP Plan can be found at www.southglos.gov.uk/policiesitesandplaces.

All comments received during this period will be passed to the Inspector for consideration as part of the examination process.

Yours sincerely


Strategic Planning Policy and Specialist Advice Team Manager

Think before you print - only print this email if absolutely necessary.

This email and any attachments are strictly confidential and intended for the addressee only.
If you are not the named addressee you must not disclose, copy or take any action in reliance of this transmission and you should notify us as soon as possible.

This email and any attachments are believed to be free from viruses but it is your responsibility to carry out all necessary virus checks and Gloucestershire County Council accepts no liability in connection therewith.