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Dear Stroud District Council  
- please see attached letter

regards

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**JCS response to Stroud Consultation**

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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Stroud District Local Plan Review**

Thank you for inviting Gloucester City Council, Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council to respond to Stroud District Local Plan Review. This response is provided on behalf of all three authorities, who are working together to produce the Joint Core Strategy (JCS).

The JCS authorities welcome the fact that Stroud District has begun the process of exploring broad strategy options and all possible development opportunities.

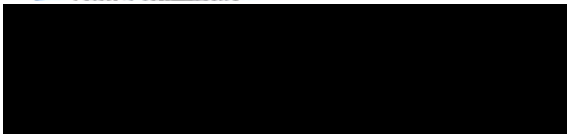
As you will be aware, the JCS has now reached an advanced stage of preparation and, at the time of writing, is in the process of being considered by each of the three Councils for adoption. Following on from this, the JCS authorities will be launching immediate reviews focussed around a housing shortfall for Gloucester and Tewkesbury and retail / town centres.

In the JCS, the authorities have committed to working with Stroud District Council, as well as other local authorities in Gloucestershire, to address any shortfall as part of a plan-led approach. Specifically, paragraph 7.1.18 of the adoption version of the JCS states:

*'This review will allow for the consideration of any other development options that become available, both within and outside the JCS area. This could include further development opportunities within the urban area that are not currently available, as well as exploring the potential for urban extensions. The JCS authorities have a Statement of Cooperation in place with Stroud District regarding the need to explore meeting unmet needs arising from the JCS area within Stroud District where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development. As such, it is important that any review in undertaken in tandem with the review of the Stroud Local Plan so that all potential development alternatives are comprehensively explored using agreed site assessment criteria through the plan-making process.'*

It is fundamentally important therefore that the authorities working closely with Stroud District Council and the other local authorities in Gloucestershire to identify the most appropriate solution in delivering for the development needs of the area. Now that the JCS has reached the final stage in its preparation, we look forward to commencing this in the very near future. The work undertaken thus far by Stroud in taking forward the Local Plan Review will be very useful and important in informing this process.

Yours faithfully



JCS SRO