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Dear Planning Strategy Team

The parish council discussed this document at some length at its meeting on 5th July 2021. After due consideration the parish council resolved to submit the following representations:

1. It supports the growth strategy for concentration of growth in a few large sites including new settlements at Sharpness and Wisloe subject to adequate physical and community infrastructure being provided in step with development including improved public transport.
2. It supports the policies designed to protect, conserve and enhance the countryside and its biodiversity especially within the Cotswolds AONB including CP14 and 15 and ES 7 and 8. With respect to Policy CP15 (1) it considers that greater tests and proof should be required to demonstrate that proposals are essential to the maintenance or enhancement of a sustainable farming or forestry enterprise including financial and functional tests as is required under this policy for proposed farming or forestry dwellings in the countryside (criterion iv). Exemption to this requirement may be applied where it is clearly demonstrated that a building is essential to support a community led project such as Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust/Orchard Trust or where there is a proven wider community, sustainability or environmental benefit.
3. It supports policies designed to tackle the shortage of affordable housing working with Parish Councils including rural exception sites Policy HC4.
4. It supports proposed new policy DHC2 to help maintain the social sustainability of smaller rural settlements including North Nibley subject to the detailed criteria set out in the draft Policy.
5. It supports North Nibley's designation as a Tier 3 b settlement where limited infill or redevelopment within the SDL will be permitted and (exceptionally) adjacent to the SDL (subject to Policy criteria including HC4 and DHC2) with a view to sustaining or enhancing the village's role, function and accessibility as a settlement with local facilities. In this regard the Parish Council considers North Nibley should be more accurately described as having FAIR access to key services and facilities elsewhere to be consistent with other similar settlements such as Uley, Horsley and Coaley.
6. It supports the aim of making the District carbon neutral by 2030, maximising the use of previously developed land and policies for regenerating the canal corridor from Sharpness through to the Stroud valleys

I would be grateful if you could please confirm safe receipt and acknowledgement of the comments from North Nibley Parish Council.

Many thanks



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