



STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

**Written Statement**

*In response to the Matter 6a of the Matters, Issues and Questions*

*On behalf of Mrs R. Bish and Mr F. Russell*

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 SF Planning have prepared this written statement in response to the Inspectors Matters, Issues and Questions produced to guide the Examination in Public into the Review of the Stroud Local Plan.
- 1.2 The following written statement has been prepared on behalf of our clients Mrs R. Bish and Mr F. Russell and comments on the soundness of the plan, particularly in relation to the settlement of Minchinhampton and level of proposed allocations for development.
- 1.3 Our clients own a site that lies adjacent to the safeguarded site PS05a at Woefulthane Bottom, Minchinhampton see figure 1 below, but is not currently included within any allocation.



**Figure 1 The Site**

- 1.4 It is our position that this site should be allocated, either as part of a wider allocation PS05 or PS05a; or as a small site stand-alone allocation for residential use.

## 2.0 Question 4(c)

4.1 Matter 6a, Question 4(c) asks:

**Do the site allocations achieve appropriate densities and make effective use of land, in accordance with the Framework?**

2.1 The site allocation at Minchinhampton, reference PS05, does not make the best use of land. The allocation and safeguarded land should come forward together, so that effective masterplanning can take place, and good place making can be achieved.

2.2 Furthermore, it is felt that better use of land, including the consideration of access could be made by the inclusion of my clients land- Land at Woefulane Bottom within the allocation, or as a small site allocation by itself.

2.3 Inclusion of this site would allow for the needs of Stroud District to be better met in the immediate plan period, and would allow for the best use of land to be made through site design and layout of the wider area through cohesive masterplanning of this and the surrounding area.

## 3.0 Summary and Conclusion

- 3.1 In conclusion, the allocation of PS05 is supported, however, it is felt that better use of land and improved flexibility in terms of masterplanning could be achieved if the allocation were widened to include land currently identified as a safeguarded site PS05a, and my clients land, as shown in figure 1.
- 3.2 Impact on the AONB from development of the allocation could better be addressed through comprehensive masterplanning of the site. Furthermore, through a larger allocation, greater support could be given to enable a currently vulnerable settlement to grow and thrive, thereby boosting the local economy.

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