

Response to Inspector's Issues (ED009)

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M4 - Green Belt & Infrastructure

GB-2 *Are there any exceptional circumstances which would justify a limited review of Green Belt boundaries through the CP?*

Within Cheltenham's boundary, there remain no options for yet more Green Belt Review, other than:

- (1) at The Reddings (outside the *de facto* 'ring road' of Grovefield Way), and
- (2) along the Northern edge of the built-up area (Swindon Lane through to New Barn Lane and Prestbury).

In considering 'omission sites', the JCS did not approve any further nibbling at The Reddings because that would erode the **critical Green Belt anti-coalescence gap to Churchdown** (a settlement which is now post-JCS virtually merged with Gloucester City).

However, the JCS Inspector did approve some sites along Cheltenham's **Northern edge** for Green Belt removal, which the CLP has chosen not to take up. Those sites should be the first port of call, provided that does not risk undermining the approved strategic Urban Extension nearby, which urgently need progress.

Nationally-eminant Cheltenham is very constrained environmentally; accordingly the town should not be so foolish as to agree to take on even higher expansion targets, especially with its exceptionally deficient road network for a large town, (i.e. zero 'ring road' circuits; and overloaded, unwidenable Shurdington Road).