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Dear Wendy Burden,

In your Post Hearing Advice note of 9 April 2019 you requested that the Council consider its options in relation to several issues and provide details of the work which the Council intends to undertake, together with the timescales for the work, in a programme to be submitted to the Programme Officer by April 26 2019. Officers have now done this in collaboration with the Planning Liaison Member Working Group. At the meeting on 10th April the following principles were agreed.

The deletion of MD1 from the housing supply - Accepted

The Council has engaged in discussions with the landowners of this site. No additional evidence has been produced since the hearing sessions which suggest that housing numbers from this can be used in the Cheltenham Plan trajectory. We therefore confirm that it will be removed from the housing supply trajectory.

The scale of housing development for Oakhurst Rise site HD4 - Accepted

Your comments made in paragraphs 20 to 23 of your advice note have been taken into account. An amended site area will now be considered, taking into account the various constraints, with subsequent consideration of an appropriate site capacity.

An amended school site to meet the need for the Leckhampton/Warden Hill area - Accepted

In your advice note you suggested two options for the Leckhampton School site (at MD5). The Council has discussed the options with GCC and it is their opinion that there is no possibility of being able to successfully CPO any of the land currently within MD5 for the school. Therefore the Council will consider a modification which adds the GCC owned land to the MD5 allocation area. Consequential changes to policy wording and supporting text will also be included.

A modification to the Policy wording of MD5, to the scale of housing development for the allocation and the possible inclusion of an area of LGS - Accepted

Subject to agreeing a location for the Leckhampton/Warden Hill school site, the residential and Local Green Space capacity at MD5 will be reconsidered. This work will include input from

Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council, local ward members and Leckhampton Green Land Action Group (LEGLAG).

The alternative approaches set out above for the review of the LGS designations – Accepted with amendments

In your advice note you suggested three possible options for the Council to address your concerns with the LGS methodology. The Council has selected option 2 to be the most appropriate with some modification to what has been suggested.

The assessment of the LGS sites will be restricted to sites 1-11, 83 & 84 in Table 8 (as you advise), together with a further eight sites which are currently designated as PGS (sites 21, 33, 34, 49, 58, 62, 64 & 65). Each of these additional sites has considerable evidence produced by local communities to support their designation as LGS. The Council, therefore, consider that these sites and the people who put them forward as LGS deserve to have them looked at in the assessment.

Assessing the LGS at Leckhampton and Swindon Village will require engagement with the local parish councils and residents groups who have spent several years working on their evidence. This engagement is already underway but we expect to be able to reach a conclusion and send you the final modifications and evidence by 31 May.

The remaining sites in Table 8 will be removed from Policy GI1, as you suggest. Policy GE1 of the Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Second Review (2006) will be saved until it is superseded by a separate DPD or as part of the 5 year review of the Cheltenham Plan.

Timetable

The following provides an overview of our proposed timetable:

Task	Date
Response to LP Inspector's advice	26/04/2019
Consideration of suggested MMs	April – May
Submit draft MMs to Inspector	14/06/2019 – With the exception of the LGS assessments and the secondary school all MMs will be available by 17 May should you wish to review in two stages.
Receive comments from Inspector	<i>June</i>
Full Council to consider MMs	22/07/2019
Commence public consultation on MMs	05/08/2019
Close public consultation on MMs	30/09/2019
Submit consultation responses to Inspector	28/10/2019
Receive final report from Inspector	<i>December</i>
Full Council to Consider Final Local Plan	17/02/2020

I trust you find our response helpful. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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