

Civic Society

OBJECT

Even for an outline application, this lacks detail. There are no elevations, no masterplan. The renewable energy document contains no concrete proposals. The applicant fails to make a case for developing this area of particular importance as part of the Cotswold AONB.

The Civic Society Planning Forum objects to this application as the proposed development is wholly within the AONB and outside Cheltenham's Principle Urban Area. The proposed development would not conserve nor enhance the AONB and would lead to adverse change to the landscape.

Due to its location on the urban fringe of Cheltenham, the Cotswold AONB will continue to come under pressure from developers, which is why the restrictions in line with the NPPF, JCS and Local Plan should be strictly enforced to prevent even small scale developments - let alone larger projects such as the one proposed.

The Forum advocates increased public benefit of this area of the AONB in line with its very special conservation status. Beyond providing visual amenity for its neighbours, this area could provide benefits for the community through access and management for biodiversity. The formation of a trust could help with this process.