

**APPENDIX 1**  
**EXTRACT FROM GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 22.03.12**

**STROUD CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Council considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Culture concerning the Council's response to the Preferred Options for Stroud District Council's (SDC) emerging Core Strategy

**RESOLVED** – That the Council responds to the Stroud Core Strategy on the points set out in Section 7, which in which in summary raised the following issues:

- (i) Gloucester City Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on Stroud's Core Strategy.
- (ii) Stroud Council be supported in principle in its proposals to meet its full housing requirement as identified in the document of 9,350.
- (iii) That the City Council strongly objects to the continued extension of the urban area of Gloucester through the additional proposal for 500 to 750 new dwellings at Hunts Grove. This is not justified and conflicts with the emerging Joint Core Strategy for Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury.
- (iv) Stroud and Gloucester City continue to work together on cross boundary issues as part of the Statutory Duty to Cooperate, particularly in respect of continuing to align the evidence base supporting the development plans of each authority.
- (v) Stroud's Preferred Option document is not based upon all the evidence available in that it promotes an urban extension to Gloucester City as the most sustainable choice for addressing its own housing need. The evidence is contrary to this and illustrates that an urban extension at this location is unlikely to meet the housing needs of Stroud.
- (vi) Stroud's Preferred Option does not adequately deal with employment provision and relies upon Gloucester City to provide employment opportunities for its resident population. While Gloucester City is key location for employment in the County Stroud's Core Strategy should not rely on the City and its JCS partners to provide employment opportunities to support its housing allocations.
- (vii) The Preferred Option document should be supported in its assessment of alternatives around the south of Gloucester in so far as it identifies the area of Whaddon and Hardwicke as unsustainable locations for development. This is consistent with the evidence prepared by the Joint Core Strategy authorities.
- (viii) The Council objects to the identification of major development locations with no supporting evidence or detail on infrastructure provision. It is not made clear how these locations can be supported without sight of an Infrastructure Plan.
- (ix) That Stroud Council undertake an assessment of its strategy and alternatives using all the evidence available to it, particularly the Gloucestershire Affordability model.