

## Appendix 1

### Draft Response to Cheltenham B C

Thank you for consulting Gloucester City Council on the above Cheltenham Plan public consultation. Please note that the response is offered in the spirit of strategic partner joint working in order to ensure that Cheltenham Borough makes good progress towards the preparation of a sound Local Plan.

In our response to the previous consultation in 2015, we noted that this Plan is being prepared in two stages with the consideration of sites for employment and residential allocations and for local green space designation being considered in the first instance. We pointed out at the time that this approach will need to be carefully progressed to ensure the delivery of a comprehensive, integrated and sound Local Plan.

We remain of this view and note that you still propose to progress the Cheltenham Local Plan in two parts - Part One and Part Two, and that you propose to submit these two parts at different times which would lead to two different examinations. In the view of Gloucester City Council, the Pre-submission of the Cheltenham Local Plan later in the year should include both Part One and Part Two, not just Part One, and the plan submitted in the same form shortly after.

We would therefore encourage Cheltenham Borough to progress rapidly with Part Two of their Local Plan before making any Pre-Submission (Regulation 19 consultation), so that the two parts of the Local Plan can be considered together and the Plan in its entirety.

As mentioned in our previous response it would also be helpful to understand what additional evidence base work is going to be commissioned to support Part Two of the Local Plan and the remaining potential site allocations and plan policies.

I trust these comments, which are offered in the spirit of joint working and co-operation will be taken into account in preparing your Local Plan.