

**Gloucester Local Development  
Framework**

**Heights of Buildings  
Supplementary Planning Document**

**Regulation 17  
Consultation Statement**

**August 2008**

## **Introduction**

The Council has published for consultation a revised-draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) called 'Height of Buildings' as part of its emerging Local Development Framework,

The consultation period runs from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008 to the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The consultation builds on a previous informal consultation carried out in 2007.

The purpose of this 'Consultation Statement' is to summarise the following:

- Who was consulted during the previous informal consultation
- How they were consulted
- The main issues raised; and
- How these issues have been addressed in the revised draft SPD

## **Who was consulted?**

The initial period of consultation for the SPD was carried out in accordance with the Council's approved Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The following bodies have therefore been consulted:

### **Specific Consultation Bodies**

Government Office for the South West (GOSW)  
Gloucestershire County Council  
Tewkesbury Borough Council  
Stroud District Council  
Natural England  
The Environment Agency  
English Heritage  
South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA)  
British Telecommunications Plc  
Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority  
Relevant Electricity, Gas and Telecommunications Companies  
Severn Trent Water  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)  
Highways Agency  
Ministry of Defence  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

### **General Consultation Bodies**

Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company (GHURC)  
Cheltenham Borough Council  
Cotswold District Council  
Forest of Dean District Council  
Woodland Trust  
Network Rail  
Gloucester Chamber of Trade and Commerce  
Gloucestershire First  
Gloucestershire Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Federation of Small Businesses

Three Bridges Neighbourhood Partnership  
Kingsholm and Wotton Neighbourhood Partnership  
City Centre Community Partnership  
Local Residents Associations and Interest Groups  
Quedgeley Parish Council  
Hardwicke Parish Council  
Upton St Leonards Parish Council  
Brockworth Parish Council  
Hucclecote Parish Council  
Churchdown Parish Council  
Longford Parish Council  
Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust  
Department of Health South West Regional Office  
British Waterways  
Church Commissioners  
Civil Aviation Authority  
Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)  
Commission for New Towns and English Partnerships  
Commission for Racial Equality  
Disability Rights Commission  
Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee  
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)  
Friends of the Earth  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)  
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust  
Equal Opportunities Commission  
Gloucestershire Constabulary  
Gloucestershire Fire Service  
Freight Transport Association  
Gypsy Council  
Health and Safety Executive  
Housing Corporation  
Learning and Skills Council  
Gloucester Civic Society  
Relevant Bus and Rail Operators  
Gloucestershire Race Equality Council  
Post Office Property Holdings  
South West Regional Housing Body  
Sport England South West  
House Builders Federation  
Traveller Law Reform Coalition

In addition to Consultees identified above, any person that has registered their interest in the LDF process and is therefore on our mailing list was also be notified.

The Council's 'Community Forum' also considered the documents.

### **How were they consulted?**

Copies of the draft SPD and initial Sustainability Appraisal were sent to all Specific Consultation Bodies on CD-ROM.

All General Consultation Bodies and stakeholders on the Council's LDF database were written to and advised that the documents had been published and were available for comment, as well as the times and places where they could be viewed.

Meetings were held with a number of organisations including the City Centre Community Partnership and the City Council Community Forum.

A press release was also made.

**What were the main issues raised and how were these taken into account?**

The table provided overleaf summarises the main issues that were raised on the document during the initial period of informal consultation and how these issues have been taken into account in producing the revised draft SPD that has now been published for formal consultation.

It should be noted that copies of the original representations received are available on request from the City Council Offices. In addition, a schedule more fully summarising each comment received and the relevant Officer response can be viewed by going to the City Council's website at [www.gloucester.gov.uk/planning](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/planning).

Main issues raised in consultation	How have these comments been taken into account?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of the options put forward would (on their own) adequately deal with the issue of tall buildings in Gloucester. There was support for a combination of Options 3 (an area-based approach) and 4 (a view corridor approach).</li> <li>• Support for the use of the 4 character areas identified in the consultation document.</li> <li>• Objection to a number of the view corridors proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The general consensus of opinion was taken into account while developing the draft Heights of Buildings SPD.</li> <li>• The use of the character areas has been expanded by now referring to the existing conservation areas (and their associated Conservation Area Appraisals) as a means of establishing areas where a tall building would be considered inappropriate.</li> <li>• Information has been appended to each of the view corridors, which establishes the heritage value found within the views, based on emerging guidance from English Heritage ('Seeing the History in the View' – April 2008).</li> </ul>