

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

## Main Modifications to the Gloucester City Plan Response Form

<b>PART A: Personal Details – only complete once</b>
Title: <b>Mr.</b>
Name: <b>Robert Mills</b>
Company: <b>Hempsted Residents Association</b> [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**If you are acting on behalf of a client, please supply the following details:**

Client Name:
Client Organisation:

### **Keeping you updated**

Would you like to be notified of future progress on the Gloucester City Plan? (* we will do this via email)	
YES <b>Yes Please</b>	

**Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation**

**Please note – comments should be restricted to the proposed Main Modifications only and should not relate to any other aspect, site or policy of the Gloucester City Plan.**

Name or Organisation:

**Robert Mills, Hempsted Residents Association** [REDACTED]

To which Main Modification to the Pre-Submission Plan, Policies Map or updated Sustainability Appraisal does this representation relate?

<b>Main Modification, Policies Map or SA/HRA?</b>	<b>Main Modification</b>
<b>Main Modification or Policies Map Number</b>	<b>MM or MAP MM31</b>
<b>SA/HRA paragraph number</b>	<b>Paragraphs 3.3.31 – 3.3.33</b>

Do you support or object to the proposed modification?

Support	
Object	X

Please provide comments below on the Main Modifications to the Gloucester City Plan. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the Main Modifications, or comment on the modifications to the policies map or SA, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The New Paragraph wording says that “**permission will be granted for development within the Cordon Sanitaire**” conditional on an Odour assessment. Surely this implies, contrary to the Development Plan, and Emerging City Plan, the area is allocated for development, regardless of considerations other than odour?

I also suggest that the requirement for a **robust odour assessment** should be specifically aimed at New Build Residential developments, and that pre agreement with the council of the odour assessment scope should be agreed in advance.

The existing Cordon Sanitaire is justified by the large number of complaints received from Hempsted Residents living North of the Netheridge Sewage Treatment Works and North of the Cordon Sanitaire due to the prevailing South-Westerly winds. Complaints were also received from other locations around Netheridge STW.

The weight of Odour Complaint evidence obtained by the Gloucester City Council Community Wellbeing Team would suggest that only a long-term study in all weather, and Netheridge STW operational conditions, would provide accurate and realistic odour level measurements. These complaints were made via a link on the Hempsted Facebook page, which is limited to Hempsted Residents. Between April 28<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, 45 complaints were logged complaining of “Sewage/putrid/waste/sour/rotting” odours. Over 90% of the Hempsted Residents live North of the Cordon Sanitaire, where I have observed but not always reported sewage smells similar to those around Netheridge STW, when the wind is from the South.

On completion of the first collation period on July 28<sup>th</sup>, the City Council will map these incidents by address and wind direction, which should contribute to objective, informed decision making.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to improve the Main Modifications to the Gloucester City Plan. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward suggested revised wording for any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

I suggest the following amendments in **bold** –

**New-build residential** planning permission will be **considered** for development within the Cordon Sanitaire, as shown on the policies map, **only where it can be clearly demonstrated by a study of complaints received from the surrounding area, and** through a robust odour assessment that:

1. The users/occupants of the proposed development will not be adversely affected by odour nuisance; and
2. The introduction of the proposed use will not adversely affect the continued operation of the Netheridge Sewage Treatment Works.
- 3. The scope and plan for any such odour assessment must be agreed with the City Council in advance of the submission of a planning application.**

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Signature:



Date:

04/07/2022