



Garden Community Supplementary Planning Document (draft): Consultation Statement

1. Introduction

1.1 This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the Cyber Central Garden Community Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This statement sets out how the public and other stakeholders will be consulted upon the SPD. Following the consultation period, this statement will be expanded to summarise the comments received during the consultation period, including details of how the issues raised have been dealt with in working towards a final SPD for adoption.

2. Town and Country Planning Regulations

2.1 The SPD is produced in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The relevant regulations relating to the consultation process are explained below.

- Regulation 12: Regulation 12(a) requires the Council to produce a consultation statement before adoption of the SPD, this must set out who was consulted, a summary of the issues raised, and how these issues were incorporated in to the SPD.
- Regulation 12(b) requires the Council to publish the documents (including a 'consultation statement') for a minimum 4 week consultation, specify the date when responses should be received, and identify the address to which responses should be sent.
- This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the SPD as required by Regulation 12(a). The document also sets out information about the consultation as required by Regulation 12(b). Following the consultation period, as the SPD progresses towards adoption, the 'Consultation Statement' will be expanded to recognise involvement by outside bodies and public participation during this consultation period.
- Regulation 13: Regulation 13 stipulates that any person may make representations about the SPD and that the representations must be made by the end of the consultation date referred to in Regulation 12. This consultation statement sets out this requirement.
- Regulation 35: Regulation 12 states that when seeking representations on an SPD, documents must be made available in accordance with Regulation 35. This requires the Council to make documents available by taking the following steps:
 - Make the document available at the principal office and other places within the area that the Council considers appropriate;
 - Publish the document on the Council's website.

3. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

3.1 This consultation statement has been prepared within the context of the SCI's of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury councils and reflects the 2012 Regulations, set out above. The relevant SCI's set out how the councils will consult and involve people in the preparation of local plans, including Supplementary Planning Documents. Consultation on the draft SPD is being carried out in line with the principles of the adopted SCI.

4. Early Consultation

4.1 The aims and objectives, and design principles within the draft SPD have been the subject of early discussions and consultations with key stakeholders, partners and the wider local community as part of a collaborative approach. This engagement has included:

- Internal officer working group - comprising officers from across Cheltenham Borough Council, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council with a remit to consider, advise and inform the emerging SPD, This group has fed into the drafting of the SPD.
- Engagement with Homes England technical specialists' team.
- Engagement with stakeholders including NHS, County Education, Gloucestershire Highways, Wildlife and Wetlands Trust, GCHQ, infrastructure providers. Informal engagement has taken place together with an evening workshop on 3rd September 2019. 32 people attended the workshop representing the following groups:

BAE Systems, Bamboo Technology Group, Boddington Parish Council, Cheltenham Borough Homes, Cheltenham churches, Cheltenham Borough Council, Church of England, First LEP, Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucester Local Nature Partnership, Hester's Way Neighbourhood Plan Forum, Hester's Way Partnership, local residents, Police, Stagecoach West, Swindon Parish Council, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Uckington Parish Council, University of Gloucestershire and, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.

- Four community drop in events were held at the following times and locations;
 - 11th September, 12:30-3pm at Hester's Way Community Centre
 - 11th September, 3:30-5:30pm at Springbank Community Centre
 - 19th September, 1-3:30pm at Tewkesbury-Cheltenham West Community Fire Station
 - 19th September, 4:30-7:30pm at Gloucestershire College

4.3 A total of 210 people attended across the four public engagement events. The feedback from the engagement so far has been invaluable in shaping the design process. From the feedback received during this stage of public engagement, the masterplan has been amended in the following ways:

- Emphasis on green spaces close to the existing community - the plan has been altered following drop-in events with local residents who were supportive of a new park close to the Springbank neighbourhood.
- Impact of traffic and car parking - aiming for the new development to have enough car parking to serve the employment and residential areas. Sustainable transport modes including improved bus networks and cycle networks will also contribute to improving access and reducing the reliance on the private car.
- Spreading the impact of employment - although the focus for the employment area will be to the south of the SPD area, close to GCHQ, conversations have highlighted the

opportunity to focus some employment space with good access to the new road to J10 of the M5.

- Integration - comments have strengthened the focus on delivering links and shared facilities for new and existing residents.
- Response to climate change emergency – opportunity to be innovative.

This engagement has helped to shape the current draft for formal consultation.

5. Consultation Information

5.1 Consultation on the SPD is being carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The SPD and this Consultation Statement will be made available for inspection by the public for a five week period between Monday 13th January 2020 and 5pm Monday 17th February 2020. A copy of the SPD and this consultation statement is available to view at:

consult.cheltenham.gov.uk/consult.ti/cybercentral/

5.2 Copies of the draft SPD and consultation statement are available to view on the Council's website at: **consult.cheltenham.gov.uk/consult.ti/cybercentral/**

5.3 Further information is available by contacting the Planning Policy team by email at planningpolicy@cheltenham.gov.uk

5.4 As part of the consultation, a 'targeted' e-mail will be sent to relevant individuals, organisations and bodies advising of forthcoming consultation.

5.5 The consultation period runs from Monday 13th January 2020 and any person can make representations on the draft SPD before 5.00p.m on Monday 17th February 2020.

5.6 Public engagement sessions have been scheduled on the dates, times and locations shown below. These face to face engagement sessions will offer the opportunity to meet with the consultancy team and officers to discuss any elements of the draft SPD.

Thursday 23rd January:

- 12:30 - 3:30pm at Springbank Community Centre
- 4:30 - 7:30pm at Hesters Way Community Centre

Saturday 1st February:

- 10:30am - 1:30pm Regents Arcade
- 2:30 - 5:30pm at Cheltenham West Community Fire Station

5.7 Copies of the SPD will be available to view at both Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council offices during normal working hours throughout the consultation period.

5.8 Representations on the draft SPD can be made:

- **Via Commonplace online community platform**
<https://cybercentral.commonplace.is/> (will be live in line with consultation dates)
- **By e-mail to** planningpolicy@cheltenham.gov.uk
- **In writing to Planning Policy Team, Cheltenham Borough Council, Municipal Offices, Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 9SA**

Commonplace online community platform is the preferred method of contact. Should you choose to write, the preferred method of contact is by email. Please keep you communication focussed to changes you are looking for to inform the final version of the SPD.