

To: Statutory consultees

12 November 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Joint Core Strategy: Issues and Options Consultation**

Gloucester City Council, Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council worked together to produce a joint strategic plan, called the Joint Core Strategy (JCS). The JCS is a strategic level plan, with district plans sitting underneath, addressing local planning issues.

I am writing to inform you that the JCS Review has now commenced and an 'Issues and Options' document has been published for consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The consultation asks 15 key questions around issues such as;

- What timeframe should the plan cover?
- How many new homes are needed to provide for our communities?
- How can the plan support existing and new business; and
- What infrastructure is needed to support growth?

The consultation lasts for over eight weeks between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Copies of the consultation document, background documents and an online response form are available at [www.jointcorestrategy.org](http://www.jointcorestrategy.org).

If you have any questions please email [info@jointcorestrategy.org](mailto:info@jointcorestrategy.org) or contact the planning policy team at any of the three councils.

Yours faithfully



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