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COLEFORD

Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Submission Document

Appendix W: Consultation Statement

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Section 15(1b) of Part 5. Section 15(2) of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain:

- (a) Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- (b) Explanation of how they were consulted;
- (c) Summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- (d) Description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

This Consultation Statement provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations. Full details are provided in the reports that support the Consultation Statement.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Some consultation had taken place prior to Neighbourhood Plan consultations.

2002/3 Coleford Area Partnership (CAP) consultation to prepare a community strategic plan “Time for Coleford” 2020, (See Appendix B) for Coleford and the surrounding parishes.

Nov 2015 – Dec 2014; August/September 2016 Coleford Town Council Bells Field consultation relating to the design prior to planning application. Targeted consultation with young people included use of facebook and social media to focus on the equipment/layout

2.2 The Coleford Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) consultation process was aimed to be inclusive and involve as much of the community as possible during the whole process and at key stages of decision making. Access became a ‘golden thread’, given the demographic structure of the community and the spread of the parish with limited public transport routes. Web, workshops, meetings with presentations, a walk, drop-ins, face to face with specific organisations, work places, schools, filming and a red double decker bus were all employed. A stall with NDP publicity and information at the annual Carnival of Transport on Easter Monday was a key date each year: thousands attended, including many Coleford residents and stakeholders.

2.3. Timeline setting out the key stages in the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Date	Activity	Detail
11 July 2013	Designation of Neighbourhood Area by Forest of District Council after public consultation	6 weeks statutory consultation on Forest of Dean District Council website before designation
August 13	GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) were engaged for support throughout the NDP process	Support and advise the group on NDP process, consultation, facilitation and evidence gathering.

30 Sept 2013 7-9pm	Initial Workshop Event to identify key issues, held at Coleford Baptist Church	Initial workshop facilitated by GRCC to begin cascading information and receiving comments re NDP. Organisations were invited by letter/email to send a representative. Connectors/leaders were also invited. (See 6.1)
Oct 2013 to Jan 2014	Initial meeting NDP Group 8 Oct with TOR's (adjusted Jan 14) and communication strategy	As a working group for the Coleford Town Council to report to the Town Council, carry out consultation and produce the NDP. Each NDP meeting is held in public and has a session for public question/comment at the beginning.
Easter Monday 21 April 2014	Carnival of Transport (1)	Start of first main consultation at well-attended carnival. Likes and dislikes/ improvements. Questionnaires to note likes and dislikes and suggested improvements. (See 5.3)
April- July 2014	Initial Consultation	Questionnaires were made available at a number of venues and events in the parish of Coleford. (See 5.3 and Appendix B)
July 2014	Battle of Coleford re-enactment	Stand with display materials and questionnaires at event
Sept- Oct 14	Developed draft themes and derived data from character assessment, then used for next consultation	Theme Boards and statistics, with some maps/photos of character assessment areas for display in bus. Rota to cover NDP steering group members and local areas noting access in particular.
Nov – Dec 2014	Bus Tour consultation	NDP members with red double decker bus touring Coleford with display material as above. (See 5.4 and Appendix B)
January 2015	Business Consultation	5 sessions with 3 different business clubs at Main Place – each meeting was asked to consider their views as business people and employers for Coleford NDP.
February 2015 6:45pm–9:00pm	Solutions and Ideas Event – The Main Place, Coleford	People were informed of what had been achieved to date, the stage in the process of undertaking the NDP, and key messages. Ideas were generated with some solutions to the issues that were identified. People were encouraged to join the Steering Group or a theme group to further shape ideas and options to achieve the objectives (See 6.2).
Easter Monday April 6 2015	Feedback to local people at Carnival of Transport (2)	Updated feedback about the Big Seven themes. Encouraged participation in Theme Groups and notified of June next consultation. Initial tourism survey.
16 & 30 April 2015	Theme group workshops –The Main Place, Coleford	Two sessions of two sequential themes were held covering: The Town Centre and Shopping; Green Environment and surrounding communities; Tourism, Leisure and Heritage; Housing and employment. (See 6.3 and Appendix B)
March 28 2016	Carnival of Transport (3)	Notice of next consultation May - June, including draft policies and sites. Tourism survey.
June 2016	Stakeholders approached: phone interviews/face to face with steering group members	Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); 2gether Trust (mental health); Lakers School; Suntory; Dean Properties; Gloscol; Gloucestershire Highways
May/ June 16	Business Consultation	3 Business Clubs and Coleford Business Association: asked about revised Themes, Town Centre. (See Appendix B)
2, 3, 4 June 2016	Policies and sites consultation	Drop-in events at Coleford Town Council offices; also a special event at Café 16 for older people on 1 June and

		opportunity for all residents to complete questionnaires. Maps and policy information displayed and on website. <i>(See 5.5 and Appendix B)</i>
April 17 2017	Carnival of Transport (4)	Update on revised themes and policies. Also relationship to FoDDC Allocations Plan NB for revised sites and numbers. Notice of dates for Reg 14 consultation given.
8 May- 3 July 2017	Regulation 14 consultation (Six weeks pre submission) information to the community	Coleford community; stakeholders & statutory consultees. Originally to 18 June extended to July 3. Community newsletter delivered; ad in Review, website. Sessions as below <i>(See 7 and Appendix W)</i>
May 10 & 20 May 26 May 26 June 13	Regulation 14 consultation (Six weeks pre submission) Information and feedback	Drop-in sessions at Coleford Town Council offices NDP Town Centre walk as part of Coleford Walking Festival Drop-in session at Café 16 Presentation and drop in at Main Place
24 Apr 2017 & 5 Dec 17	Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening (<i>Appendix T</i>) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening (<i>Appendix U</i>)	Forest of Dean District Council were commissioned to carry out the HRA & SEA screening for the NDP. Consultees included Natural England, the Environment Agency & English Heritage. <i>Interim and final documents in Appendices T and U</i>

3. INFORMATION PROVISION AND PUBLICITY

3.1 Events were publicised through fliers in schools/shops/library/gp surgeries, local noticeboards, local events eg Transport Carnival, Community Newsletter (delivered to households), website, articles and advertisements in the press. A large banner was set up around the Clock Tower and posters in shops and Town Council Office to publicise the events. In addition to key consultation stages, regular NDP updates were available through reports at monthly full Town Council meetings and Coleford Area Partnership meetings. Progress and an opportunity to make comments was made available online through the specific NDP website: www.colefordtownplan.com (with link from Coleford Town Council www.colefordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

4. STEERING GROUP

4.1. A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was established with Terms of Reference as a working group for Coleford Town Council for the purpose of guiding and supporting the NDP process. The Steering Group members represented stakeholder organisations and comprised the following: Iain Baird (Chair, Coleford Town Council); Marilyn Cox (Coleford Area Partnership); Roger Drury (Coleford Town Council); Clive Elsmore (Coleford Town Council, District Council, Coleford Area Partnership, Forest Routes); Diana Gash (resident); Dot Sharp (Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End NDP); Walt Williams (resident); Stuart Baker (Angus Buchanan Recreation Ground); Hayley Clayton (Forestry Commission); Danuta Kurucz (Broadwell Memorial Hall); Mike Thomas (Halls Charity).

A Programme Administrator was appointed, and GRCC advised the Steering Group.

4.2 NDP Steering Group meeting notes and reports were sent to Coleford Town Council after each meeting. Notes of progress of the Steering Group were sent to District Council Forward Planning at key stages in the NDP and meetings arranged at key points. Lines of communication were maintained throughout the NDP process with Forest of Dean District Council, Coleford Town

Council and the Steering Group. Past notes were available on request from the Town Council and presented at every meeting, each of which started with a public session.

5. CONSULTATION EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

5.1 Residents, community groups, businesses as well as agencies have been consulted during the course of the Plan. These included: initial event to introduce the NDP, explore and establish the issues; regular use of annual events which attract large numbers of local people to inform and presage consultations. Consultations on the emerging plan with individual groups (including older groups) at town and surrounding settlements; business groups including employers retailers, Suntory employees; young people (5 – 18yrs) in various different educational establishments; face to face interviews/meetings with stakeholders. The Forest of Dean District Council planners were consulted throughout the plan process including Allocations Plan Document consultation.

5.2 Events and NDP information were advertised through www.colefordtownplan.com with link from the Coleford Town Council website, local press, fliers, community newsletter, banners and posters, email notifications/invitations sent to organisations/ list of people and word of mouth. Meetings were held with doctors, CCG, Glos Care concerning consultations about Health Centre/Hospital facilities and sites; FoDDC planners were consulted to check conformity. Different modes of feedback and approach were used: film making; questionnaires; online contact form; meetings, NDP walk in the Walking Festival; red double-decker bus toured the whole parish.

5.3 Coleford NDP Initial Consultations April – July 2014

Consultation focused on a questionnaire where likes and improvements were requested. The logo, designed to be inclusive and dynamic, was used for T shirts, headed paper, adverts, fliers. The website www.colefordtownplan.com was made available.

Residents were consulted at: Coleford Carnival of Transport (1) thousands of people of all ages from Coleford and the wider district attended; Battle of Coleford event held at the Recreation Ground; Busking event in the town centre; social housing community centres in Mile End, Coleford town, Milkwall and Broadwell; Business Clubs; parents/carers and young people at Coalway Junior and Infants Schools and Five Acres High School (previously Lakers Secondary school); Five Acres College. N.B Five Acres High School and Five Acres College are not in Coleford Parish but are catchment establishments for Coleford.

427 responses from the questionnaire were analysed.

Key Points from questionnaires

Likes: small, rural, friendly people; clock tower; shops, cinema, library, eating places and events

Improvements: wider range of shops and markets, tidy up town centre, improve car parking and public transport, better provision for younger people, sports, more events, Tourist Information Centre (TIC). Themes emerged.

Key Outcomes

Comments were compared to Initial workshop SWOT and used to better formulate the vision and objectives. The form of the plan using themes was developed. The importance of NOT losing much of what people valued was emphasised. (See Appendix B *bii*.)

Films produced: <http://youtu.be/K-rcnt0CfCw>; <http://youtu.be/gRXMDsaW4rw>

5.4 Coleford NDP Consultation Event Bus Tour 2014 17, 22, 28 November: The bus toured, at different times of day, the whole parish including the Town Centre, Eastern Arc and Southern Arc, Industrial areas as defined by the Character Assessment.

- Stops at 4 Schools; 1 College; 3 sheltered housing areas; 3 local community halls
- Stops in outer settlements: Whitecliff; Coalway; Milkwall; Broadwell; Mile End; near Five Acres
- Stops around the town: 4 in south; 2 east; 3 north east; 2 north; 1 west; 2 visits to centre

Displays, information, results of the initial consultation and the character assessment to date were available. People were asked to provide more detail on a questionnaire based around the themes: Coleford Town Centre; Shopping; Tourism and Heritage; Community and Communities; Rural Surroundings & Green Infrastructure; Transport and Infrastructure; Housing and Employment. 45 responses received. Many more conversations, but not returned questionnaires.

Key comments

Town centre and shopping: wider range of shops, especially chain stores and clothes; improve appearance by more seats, flowers, spruce up frontages; Kings Head, Lawnstone site and St John's Church mentioned more than once; market/events to help independent shops; Clock Tower identified as important.

Tourism and heritage comments: TIC needed near clock tower; heritage trails round Whitecliff/ Town Centre and leading in/out; walks, footpaths and cycle trails.

Community and communities: distinctive areas: Broadwell, Milkwall, Coleford Town, Mile End, Whitecliff; important surrounding settlements stayed separate to Coleford Town; the nature of leisure provision varied, often outdoors provision (Bells Field, green spaces mentioned); Five Acres site was noted for swimming, theatre, sports (NB Five Acres Leisure Centre is in Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End NDP, but is used by many Coleford people). Access via public transport ok along those routes but adding minibuses to local settlements off route; need clear signage.

Rural surroundings and green infrastructure: sports areas e.g. Angus Buchanan Recreation Ground, heritage sites and the Forest noted; informally people used the small green space by Pyart Court and Recreation Grounds; more small green spaces were wanted in the town centre; keep the green area separating the surrounding areas from the town.

Transport and Infrastructure: Market Place/Gloucester Lights were noted for congestion; free parking was requested (again); mobile phone coverage was poor; flood/sewer issues were noted in a number of localities.

Housing and employment: small dwellings including affordable housing within the defined settlement boundary and not in green areas. Link housing with jobs.

(See Appendix B biii)

Key outcomes

Town Centre regeneration, but conservation as key theme; traffic surveys to be undertaken at Market Place/Lights and Highways meeting; Tourist Information Centre opened by Town Council for 2016 season; key sites noted for next consultation; Green Ring and Local Green Spaces policies developed; Bells Field purchased and consultation on design carried out; Town Council represented on Berry Hill and Coleford Regeneration Board; linked into Forest Routes and Foresters Forest Big Lottery projects; Housing comments compared with FoDDC Allocations Plan; themes remain, all taken to ideas and solutions workshop (*See 6.3 below*).

5.5 Coleford NDP Consultation Drop in events at Coleford Town Council offices on May 31, June 2, 3, 4 2016 on sites, draft policies and Access Survey.

Adverts were put into local press, fliers at Transport Carnival and school newsletters, in GPs, dentists, at Library, Main Place, village halls and some local shops. Radio Gloucestershire contacted, banner in Town Centre and online forms.

The vision, objectives, policies and sites were displayed. Site assessments, character assessments, maps, including site maps, non-designated heritage value list, green spaces were available. Consultees were asked via response sheet to agree or amend draft policies. A number of people came to more than one session reporting they wanted to gain more information or to look up detail: some people answered part but not the entire document.

14 Visitors completed a tourist survey.

Consultation included a questionnaire to agree/amend policies. Steering Group members were available to inform/support and spoke with 330 people.

140 written questionnaire responses received.

3 Business Clubs/Associations, GlosCol, FoDDC Planning, Gloucestershire County Council, all District and Town Councillors, Forestry Commission, Police, NHS, Vicar and PCC of St John's, Friends of St Johns, Lakers School, Suntory, SPP Pumps, Dean Properties, Hannicks, Gladman were consulted by telephone, face to face and email.

Key points

17 out of 18 policies gained the level of 75% or more agree, with the exception of CH2 (Housing) which had 68% (See Appendix B bviii).

Amendments: The importance of the Conservation Area and the Town Centre for services (including retail) and tourism; trying to maintain local employment alongside development; smaller housing development preferred and housing to be within the defined settlement boundary; to improve community facilities and services; maintaining the Green Ring, green infrastructure and landscape, set up Local Green Spaces; enhance local character in the surrounding settlements; manage traffic more effectively at key points; improve gateways to the town.

Additionally, improved infrastructure was a focus - drainage/flooding, health, communications, education, and housing/Green Ring reviewed in advance of the final Reg.14 consultation.

6. WORKSHOPS

6.1 Coleford NDP Stakeholders Event 30 September 2013, Baptist Church

Invitations were sent to:

Faith: Christchurch Church; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Coalway Methodist Church; Coleford Baptist Church; Salem Chapel; St Johns the Evangelist; St Margaret Mary's Roman Catholic Church; The Mount of Olives Church

32 attended.

Education: Berry Hill Primary School; Clearwell C of E Primary School; Coalway Junior School; Coalway Infant School; Ellwood Primary School; St John's C of E Primary School; Lakers School; The Royal Forest of Dean College; Coleford Opportunity Centre

Health: The Brunston Health Centre; Coleford Health Centre; Great Oaks Hospice

Services: Police; Fire Service; Ambulance Station Coleford; Coleford Library

Business: Forestry Commission; Stowfield Quarry; Suntory; Ernest Heal; SPP Pumps; Dean Properties; Mike Etheridge Builders; Voyce Butchers; GMT Mortgages; James Warry Solicitors; Bells Hotel & Golf Club; Forest Hills Golf Club

Leisure: Milkwall FC; Coalway FC; Coleford Football; Bowmen of the Dean; The Bale Memorial Play Area; Coalway Recreation Ground; Angus Buchanan Recreation Ground

Social Housing: Wynols Tenants Assoc; Tufthorn Tenants Assoc; Two Rivers Housing; Wydean Housing

Local Parish Councils: West Dean Parish Council; Newland PC; English Bicknor PC; Staunton PC; Coleford District and County Councillors; FoDDC Forward Planning

Other Local Groups: Coleford Area Partnership; Coleford Business Association; Coleford Festival of Words; Coleford Christmas Lights Committee; Coleford Carnival of Transport; Salvation Army (Mile End); St Johns Ambulance Coleford Division; The Royal British Legion; Coleford Womens Institute; CAB;

Workshop purpose: to introduce the NDP and process; identify key issues, collate initial comments and any potential solutions; scope NDP membership and process; suggested priorities for NDP steering at start of process

Key outcomes

SWOT analysis; vision for 20 years ahead; challenges and strengths of area generally, process clarified and Allocations Plan context given; some NDP members came forward or offered representatives. First NDP steering group meeting planned for October, with draft Terms of Reference.

6.2 Solutions and Ideas Workshop Event 10 Feb 2015, The Main Place, Coleford

The event was advertised in the local Review, on posters and with fliers; organisations were informed.

40 attended including residents, businesses, organisation representatives plus FoDDC planning officers, district and county councillors.

Presentation by the Steering Group to update progress, noting the key themes. Steering group members acted as facilitators to 5 themed tables set out with a summary board of key issues to address in the form of questions.

Workshop purpose: to use feedback from 2014 consultations to refine vision, objectives, themes to date; to address issues and generate possible solutions; to attract people into theme groups (and/or steering group) to shape those ideas/solutions to achieve objectives.

Key outcomes

Feedback was recorded; additions were made and next tasks identified; ideas and ways forward on each of 5 themes; 14 points for further investigation to take forward. *(See Solutions event record Appendix Bbv.)*

6.3 Theme group workshops 16 & 30 April 2015 The Main Place

Publicised at Solutions and Ideas workshop, emailed to stakeholders, posters on noticeboards and Town Council window.

18 attended more than one session. *(See Appendix Bbvi.)*

Workshop purpose: Following on from Solutions and Ideas feedback to stimulate discussion and potential solutions to formulate draft objectives/ policies.

Key outcomes:

Town Centre and Shopping: heritage linked with art/sculpture (see Mushet mural, Broadwell mural in planning); specific access points eg dropped kerbs to be mapped round town centre/conveyed to Highways (access thread); environment group; improve Christmas lights; independent shops eg St John St and also chains; sites identified and to be assessed/investigated (site assessments done later)

Green Environment & Surrounding Communities: overlaps noted – revise themes; Green Space strategy developed; Green Ring seen as key; separation of communities desired

Tourism, Leisure and Heritage: cycle/heritage trails; talks; walking festival; TIC; signage upgrade, young people provision eg Bells Field

Housing and Employment: gather data re housing; education places; commuting; skills provision

Transport, infrastructure, access; sewage, surface water and flooding detail and location; traffic

management and parking review; specific junctions; improve gateways – locations and type; access includes digital improvement

Themes then refined into Big Seven:

1. Town Centre
2. Economy (split into Tourism and Leisure, Retail and Commerce and Industry)
3. Housing
4. Community and Communities
5. Historic Environment
6. Natural Environment
7. Transport, Infrastructure and Access

7. PRE SUBMISSION CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

7.1 Coleford draft Neighbourhood Plan was published for consultation according to Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 **May 8th – 18th June 2017, and extended to 3 July** Appendices, maps and the plan itself were all available online at:

www.colefordtownplan.com.

Statutory consultees and stakeholders were notified by email with a link to an electronic version of the plan, hard copies were on offer if required. A reminder was sent 9th June, and further reminder and notification of extension 19th June. Hard copies were held in the Town Council office, Library and in the TIC; some copies of the Plan were available to borrow.

Regulation 14 consultation was publicised via Radio Gloucestershire, Review local paper, fliers were distributed at Coleford Carnival of Transport, local shops, GPs, halls. The Community Newsreel (special NDP edition) delivered to households.

In addition 55 people were informed through: drop-in sessions held on 10,20,26 May at Coleford Town Council offices and Café 16; an NDP walk round the Town Centre on May 16th as part of Coleford Walking Festival: two information/Q&A and feedback sessions were held on June 10th.

Community groups advertised at harder to reach community group meetings. A session with Lakers School Council was included to ensure that younger people's views were represented.

87 written responses were received.

7.2 Schedule 1, Regulation 3 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 Statutory List of Consultees:

2gether Trust; Glos CCG; Glos Care Services; Archaeology at GCC; GCC Planning; Highways Glos; FoDDC Planning; Arriva; Cross Country; Great Western Trains; Stagecoach West; Forestry Commission; Natural England; Environment Agency; Historic England; Canal and River Trust; CAA; Coal Authority; Department for Culture Media and Sport; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Department for Transport; Department of Energy and Climate Change; Gloucestershire Constabulary; Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue; Ministry of Defence; National Air Control Transport Services and Operators of Officially Safeguarded Civil Aerodromes; Police Architectural Liaison Officer for Glos; Public Health England; Severn Trent Water; Welsh Water; Sport England; Wildlife Trust

Organisations consulted:

Neighbouring Parish Councils (within Coleford Area Partnership); Coleford Area Partnership; Local District Councillors

Primary Schools: Berry Hill; Coalway Infants and Junior; Ellwood; Clearwell; Parkend; Coleford St John's;

Secondary/Tertiary: Lakers (Five Acres); Heart of the Forest School; Gloscol Ellwood, Coleford and Greenwood Nurseries; Opportunity Centre

Health: Brunston Practice; Coleford Family Doctors; Forest Health Forum; Rock Castle and Willowtree Dentists

Broadwell FC; Coalway Rec; Angus Buchanan Recreational Trust; Milkwall FC; Bale Memorial Trust; Diocese of Gloucester; Mid-Wyedean Churches; The Gardens Trust; Forest Routes
Suntory; Forest Hills Golf Course; Celestial Adornment; Forest Traders; Biker Dean; Moot;
Two Rivers Housing; Bloor Homes; Hannicks; Pegasus; Gladman; Dean Properties

7.3 Statutory Consultation Analysis

The full analysis of comments can be found in the Appendix W of the Coleford Neighbourhood Plan.

Key points:

Many comments reflect the vision and objectives of the plan, and support the policies to achieve this. References made in particular to the Town Centre, historic and natural environment feature and suggest further ways forward. Green infrastructure and the Green Ring are significantly supported. Design of housing in keeping with distinctive character was also noted.

A number of sites were mentioned in particular (see below).

Housing and development sites: A few comments were made about sites. Comments regarding the Poolway Farm extension outnumbered any other site, with 31 comments objecting, summarised as:

- In the Green Ring needed to separate Coleford Town from surrounding settlements
- Not in keeping with distinctive character – the green bowl around the town
- Increase urbanisation of market town without adding local employment
- Overload on local health, drainage, sewage, education infrastructure
- Impact on the Hospice/Residential home situated immediately west of the site
- Drainage/sewage and flooding issues
- Previous mine workings
- Traffic movements at significant Bakers Hill junction onto Gloucester Rd
- Closing off wildlife corridor

Health infrastructure: improvement in GP provision and mental health care to be a priority before any development is inhabited.

Flooding: the importance of improving the infrastructure given the nature of the bowl focusing the flow down into the town and the insufficient capacity of the network linked with drainage and sewerage systems. A number of the relevant stakeholders were reminded to gain comment with the statement that, 'no reply would be taken to be agreement'. Dwr Cymru responded: note the comment re hydraulic modelling to be undertaken by developer where a development would cause capacity issues on the system. Severn Trent Water are deemed to be in agreement.

Certain stakeholders made comments relating to the solid evidence underlying the plan eg Historic England said "We are impressed with the scope of the plan and the depth of information informing content..... Pleased with the underpinning desire to protect and reinforce locally distinctive character." Gloucestershire County Council commends the number of archaeological references made in evidence supporting policies.

Key Outcomes:

A number of policies and sections of text were changed to add clarity.

The changing Allocation Plan status was updated.

Housing sites: whilst consultation significantly supported the Green Ring, the three sites of Ellwood Rd, Kings Meade and North Rd had to be accepted in order for the Coleford NDP to be in general conformity with the FoDDC Allocations Plan. The significant objections regarding Poolway extension meant this was not allocated, but alternative sites proposed. (See Policy CH3)

Policy CITPA3 was clarified as not only a primary health care centre, but also a hospital could be located in Coleford. The Glos Care/CCG consultation on the hospital started after this NDP consultation closed. Andrew Hughes Glos CCG stated, '**Coleford is a key priority in the "sustainability and transformation plan."**' It is anticipated that GP primary care will be improved in the next 5 years, looking to improved and expanded services. A process of engagement has been undertaken, and the agreed solution was a **larger or replacement health centre** with the potential for increased GP premises, possibly with capacity for minor surgery and more out-patient services. This might be achieved by a number of options, which have not been finalised. At the more strategic level, Forest of Dean Community Survey Review has been under consideration, with consultation on a new Forest Hospital (see <http://www.fodhealth.nhs.uk/consultation-booklet/> for the outcome) and (**Health infrastructure in Coleford Jan2017**). On 25 January 2018 Glos Care Services and Glos CCG decided at a Board Meeting that a single new hospital would be taken forward. Its location has not been decided as at February 2018, except that it will be at Coleford, Cinderford or Lydney.