

Rt Hon Branden Lewis MP

Re: Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**Residential development at land west of Farm Lane, near Shurdington,
Gloucestershire**

Application Number: 14/00838/FUL

Dear Branden Lewis,

We write to ask you to consider other options relating to your decision NOT to call-in the above application.



THE LECKHAMPTON SITE BEFORE REDROW'S COMMISSIONED ARCHAEOLOGY, on the left is the line of the Cheltenham Circular Walk, and right the much loved view up to Leckhampton Hill

This reason being Inspector Elizabeth Ord should be allowed to complete the Joint Core Strategy sessions for this site. The Inspector has asked for important additional work to be done on Leckhampton for consideration in the Examination in Public session planned for the 6th April and she will be making recommendations on Local Green Space and final recommendations on Leckhampton.

Tewkesbury Borough Council will not wait for the JCS master planning and are pushing this through not wanting to give Inspector Ord any opportunity to protect Leckhampton, the Redrow plc planning application is too high in density with no thought given to community integration or green space, this is not just our view but the view of Alex Chalk MP Cheltenham, Laurence Robertson MP Tewkesbury, JCS Partner, three Parish Councils, CPRE and most importantly Cheltenham Borough Council have reached the same decision.

In the letter from the DCLG it states "*The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible.*" Unfortunately this site is right up to the boundary with Cheltenham Borough Council who will bear the burden of providing all the infrastructure. We did not vote for the Tewkesbury Councillors who are making the decisions for Cheltenham, we are the local Leckhampton community and 806 of us have objected to this development, none in favour. This as far as we can see is a loop hole in the whole planning process and it should be addressed. (N.B. Shurdington village is 1.5 miles away).

What has been the point of Inspector Ord's time and taxpayers money if her findings are not considered appropriately. The public have supported the Joint Core Strategy and the Examination in Public which is at an advanced stage, can you please recommend that the urban extension proposals for Leckhampton, Cheltenham continue within the Framework of the JCS under the independent guidance of Inspector Ord (who has made two site visits to Leckhampton). It is important that the Farm Lane site be plan led with joint working with Cheltenham Borough Council.

In conclusion, we would be grateful if you would intervene and recommend Tewkesbury Council awaits the vital work by Inspector Ord to be completed and the Application **14/00838/FUL** remains within the JCS Framework and Master planning's requested by Cheltenham Borough Council and the three Parish Councils.

Thank you

Yours sincerely