

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE JOINT CORE STRATEGY (JCS), FINAL WEEK
NEW EXTENDED DEADLINE Monday 18th AUGUST, 2014**

THE FINAL JCS PUBLIC CONSULTATION, THE MOST IMPORTANT, LECKHAMPTON NEEDS YOU !

- **CHELTENHAM COUNCIL IS LISTENING**, that was proven last week when the councillors refused the 650 application on Leckhampton. We now need to focus on the JCS in the final public consultation, we have been given very little time and **responses are being lost due to email problems, please resend and copy to us if you have already responded.**
- Housing Numbers are **UNSOUND**, they have failed to update the population projections AND the household formation rates. The numbers are still too high at 9,100 for CHELTENHAM on our much loved **LECKHAMPTON and the GREENBELT !**
- **CHELTENHAM** does not have the infrastructure for this level of development, school places, health services, transport and jobs are all under pressure. This is happening at a time when we are losing jobs in Cheltenham; between 1991 and 2009 the number of jobs in Cheltenham fell by 7,600 - all data sourced from the JCS Evidence Base (we do not have figures from 2009).



The plan is **SERIOUSLY FLAWED** on the housing numbers currently at 30,500, officers are using statistics that predict higher population increases and household formation rates than published by the Office of National Statistics and the Communities and Local Government. These Government Departments have the real expertise, professional statisticians with sophisticated models who together put the JCS housing requirement at 23,500.

WE consider the JCS to be UNSOUND on the housing numbers, UNSOUND on the selection of LECKHAMPTON as a strategic site with over 1100 houses against all the evidence and UNSOUND on the huge loss of GREENBELT over at Swindon Village which is completely unsustainable.

- The plan calls for building first on our much loved greenbelt and open countryside, this is called, *'early phasing to ensure delivery in the plan period'*. Ask how this will provide the much needed affordable homes, social housing and local green space within the urban area; town and city regeneration will be undermined by developer land banking of large swathes of the open countryside around Cheltenham.
- Both Chargrove and Leckhampton had a unanimous vote at Cheltenham full Council in Feb. 2014 to be removed from the development plan, Chargrove was saved on receiving 850 public responses. Leckhampton came in a poor second with 350, we now need to support Martin Horwood MP and our local councillors, let's get our response up to 1000 on this final and most important JCS public consultation.
- Why is this consultation so important, on this round your letters and emails will be presented to the inspector, previous objection letters sit in a council filing cabinet marked JCS public consultation – misguided. It is vital we get a good response from Leckhampton to support our case to the inspector, so many people are away on holiday, it only needs to be a few lines in a letter.

- A strong response from the public will support the Parish Council and Martin Horwood who have together submitted an outstanding Local Green Space application, your support is vital. If accepted this area will form the Cheltenham Country Park and provide the longterm protection of historic Leckhampton.
- In this consultation you are judging the Joint Core Strategy on Soundness and Legality, we consider the plan to be UNSOUND on excessive development on the housing numbers, destruction of local beauty and amenities in Leckhampton and lack of infrastructure in health, transport and secondary school places. If you agree with any of these points please respond to the consultation and state why you consider the plan to be unsound.

We agree with the Parish Council view on the legality of the plan, ‘in our opinion the Joint Core Strategy is NOT legally compliant and is inconsistent with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) because it fails to take account of the Local Green Space application and the evidence on traffic problems in the Neighbourhood Planning Concept submitted by Leckhampton with Warden Hill and Shurdington Parish Councils relating to the Leckhampton Fields. This evidence was set aside without informing the Parish Councils, this is contrary to Community Empowerment and Neighbourhood Planning and undermines public trust in government’. The shortness of the public consultation, just six weeks over the summer also brings the legality into question.

PLEASE RESPOND to this JCS CONSULTATION, by the Monday 18th August, put the word out to family and friends ...

Just ten minutes to scribble out a letter and we can save Leckhampton, protected for over thirty generations, this is now our time to act.

WRITE to The JCS Team, Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, GL50 9SA
 you can be very brief, a few lines, but if you believe the plan to be unsound on any of the above points the word unsound needs to be used.

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OUR ONLY AIM IS TO SAVE THE COUNTRYSIDE WORKING WITH THE CHELTENHAM ALLIANCE

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