



Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council

Redrow Public Consultation for proposed development on CF5

Dear Mr Flanagan,

On behalf of Redrow you asked for the Parish Council's response to proposals to develop on this land at the corner of Church Road and Farm Lane, land which is referred to as area CF5 in the map of the Leckhampton Fields used for the examination of the Joint Core Strategy.

You will not be surprised to hear that the Parish Council is strongly opposed to any development on CF5. The land is highly protected from development through its immediate proximity to the AONB, its great importance to the view from Leckhampton Hill and in keeping the urban edge sufficiently distant from the Hill, its protected ancient pear orchard and the ecological sensitivity of the land along Hatherley Brook. CF5 was originally included in the proposed Local Green Space as approved by Inspector Ord in examining the LGS as part of the examination of the Gloucester-Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy in 2016. The Parish Council removed CF5 from the LGS in 2019 but only because CBC judged that CF5 was already so highly protected that it did not require additional protection as LGS. Other areas that were similarly removed were the medieval moat protected as an ancient monument, gardens of dwellings, Kidnappers Lane and the course of Moorend Stream. This was done in response to the concern of Inspector Burden that in the draft Cheltenham Plan CBC had applied LGS too widely to land that was already protected in other ways.

I am copying this letter to CBC, Shurdington Parish Council and other interested parties.

Regards

Penny Henty, Chairman of the Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Penny Henty'.

Copies to:

Tracey Crews – Director of planning, Cheltenham Borough Council
John Rowley – Planning policy team leader, Cheltenham Borough Council
John Mills – Planning and landscape officer, Cotswold National Landscape (AONB)
Mr George M. Porter – Chairman of Shurdington Parish Council
Friends of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common
The Gloucestershire Orchard Trust
People's Trust for Endangered Species

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