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Dear Town and Parish Councillors and Clerks,

Cotswold District Council launched its Local Plan Update consultation on 1 February 2024. We are writing to you to let you know that this consultation has been extended by two weeks and will now end on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

Cotswold District Council is updating its adopted Local Plan to make it “Green to the Core”. The adopted Local Plan covers a period from 2011 to 2031. The council is also considering development needs up to 2041 and options for how these may be delivered. The council is also consulting upon a draft Framework Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document for Cirencester Central Area (a town centre masterplan).

The updated consultation periods will now run from:

- **MASTERPLAN: 1 February until 17 March 2024 (11:59pm); and**
- **LOCAL PLAN UPDATE: 1 February until 7 April 2024 (11:59pm)**

As a reminder, this is a Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. It builds on the consultation responses we received in 2022 at the previous ‘Issues and Options’ stage of plan-making. The consultation also responds to changes in national guidance and new evidence base studies undertaken to inform the Local Plan Update.

The consultation comprises:

- updated Local Plan policies;
- A vision, objectives and development strategy topic paper that starts the process of how the council addresses development needs to 2041;

- A Call for Sites that invites people to indicate available land that can deliver development needs up to 2041. This can include land for housing, employment, renewable energy, green spaces, nature, etc.
- An ‘initial ideas’ consultation document that starts the process for developing a Framework Masterplan for Cirencester Town Centre.
- An interim Integrated Impact Assessment will support the consultation and will include an appraisal of the development strategy options and the draft policies. This will be available from 9 February.

You can submit comments at [your.cotswold.gov.uk](https://your.cotswold.gov.uk). The document and supporting evidence can also be viewed or downloaded at [www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/](https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/)

It is important to be aware that names and comments, once processed, may be made publicly available on the council’s website. Comments received during the consultation will be considered and used to inform the next stage of plan preparation. A Local Plan Privacy Notice is available on the council’s website.

Copies of the consultation documents are also available to view at the District Council offices in Cirencester (Trinity Road, GL7 1PX) and Moreton-in-Marsh (Moreton Area Centre, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0AZ).

As ever we look forward to your response as part of this process and we would appreciate your support in helping to make this consultation a success by sharing the information with your local communities and businesses.

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the Forward Planning Team on 01285 623000 or by email to [local.plan@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@cotswold.gov.uk)

Kind Regards,

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