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Afternoon Joseph

Please find below the Lechlade-on-Thames Town Council response to the Fairford revised Sustainability Appraisal and Sites Assessment

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Lechlade-on-Thames Town Council supports the strategy proposed by CDC as a proportionate response to housing requirements and sustainable locations within the town and objects to the Fairford site allocations.

Lechlade Town Council considers that the sustainability appraisal produced by Fairford Town Council is flawed in so far as it seeks to justify individual sites as sustainable rather than considering their impact on the sustainability of the town as a whole. The net result is the proposed allocation of remote and poorly located sites relative to the town centre. The landscape impact of sites is poorly represented in comparison to the infrastructure benefits of the specific location. In addition, the unnecessary over allocation of sites in Fairford produces infrastructure impacts, not only on Fairford but also potentially Lechlade and other surrounding areas that have not been considered.

A review of sustainability appraisal shows that the Fairford sites are on the whole, remote from the town centre, and poorly justified with as many negative problems as positive. Most sites are justified on the basis of local and specific infrastructure need rather than the sustainability of the town. The Fairford plan has misinterpreted what a sustainable development is. The Plan over allocates land on the basis that individual sites are sustainable because they bring infrastructure benefits to specific sites around the town. The result is an over allocation of land on sites that are only sustainable based on a narrow definition of sustainable development that seeks to secure site specific infrastructure without regard to the town as a whole. The net result is an additional housing pressure on the town as a whole and no assessment of the cumulative impact of these sites on the town or nearby settlements such as Lechlade.

Kind regards

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