

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE PRESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Ms Braidwood and Mr Walker

PRESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Having carried out my visit to the Preston Neighbourhood Plan (PNP) Area, I have identified some matters on which clarification from the Preston Parish Council (PPC) would assist me in my examination of the PNP. May I request the submission of responses to my questions below within **two weeks** of the date of this letter, although an earlier response would be most welcome.

Q1. The Period of the Plan

The Consultation Statement (CS) indicates that at the Vision and Objectives Public Meeting on 26 September 2017 comments were sought on the vision for Preston in 2028 (see Meeting Item 4, CS page 14), which at that point was being taken as the end date for the period of the Plan.

Subsequently, as illustrated in the Regulation 14 Consultation Survey (CS page 19), the Plan period had been extended to 2031 as shown in the box containing the “Vision for Preston 2031”.

However, the Plan period is now described on the front cover and throughout the Plan and in the Basic Conditions Statement as 2020 – 2036. What is the evidence to justify extending the Plan period to 2036?

Q2. Regulation 14 Consultation

The CS indicates that the Regulation 14 Consultation period began on 24 February 2020. Please could the Parish Council state when the consultation period ended?

Q3. Landscape

Policy 1 D describes a “green wedge” key view and refers to Figure 8: Key view linking Cirencester (and its Parish Church) to its rural hinterland. The area shaded green on Figure 8 appears to be bounded by the A417 dual carriageway to the north east and the A419 Ermin Way to the south west. However, the shaded area heading north westwards becomes increasingly indistinct. How is the map to be interpreted? Should there be a line drawn to define a hard boundary in the north west?

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter (and any subsequent response) is placed on the Parish Council and Local Authority websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

Andy Mead

Examiner