

HOUSING NEED POSITION STATEMENT

Summary: This paper outlines the Board's draft Housing Need Position Statement.

Recommendations:

1. **To note progress in drafting the Housing Need Position Statement.**
2. **To endorse the draft Housing Need Position Statement.**
3. **To endorse the proposed next steps (i.e. consulting externally for a five week period, with a view to the Board adopting the position statement in June 2020).**

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Introduction

1. The evolution of the Housing Need Position Statement has been outlined in Agenda Item 9 (Planning and Development Position Statement).

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2. The Housing Position Statement expands on – and provides recommendations relating to - Policy CE10 of the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2018-2023, which states:
 - *Development in the Cotswolds AONB should be based on robust evidence of local need arising from within the AONB. Priority should be given to the provision of affordable housing, maintaining and enhancing local community amenities and services, and improving access to these amenities and services.*
3. It also expands on the principles and recommendations set out in the Planning and Development Position Statement. As such, when considering housing need in the AONB, it would be appropriate for regard to be given to both position statements.
4. The position statement is intended to help local authorities, developers and other relevant stakeholders to fully address AONB-related issues when considering housing need in planning policy and development management.
5. As with the Planning and Development Position Statement:
 - feedback from Cotswold District Council and the Gloucestershire Rural Housing Partnership has helped to refine the position statement prior to wider consultation;
 - the position statement will be supported by a separate guidance document, which will set out how relevant stakeholders can implement the recommendations that are set out in the position statement.

Next steps

6. As with the Planning and Development Position Statement, assuming that the Board endorses the position statement, it is anticipated that the document will be circulated externally (primarily to the local authorities) for a five week consultation period. The final version of the position statement will then be presented to the Board for adoption in June 2020.

Supporting Paper(s):

Appendix 'A' – Draft Housing Need Position Statement