

APPENDIX 'A' - Focussed Changes Addendum

Issue identified	By Whom?	Officer view on required action and why	Issues around proposed action	Necessary procedure ( <i>minor mods or Focussed Changes</i> )
<p><b>A new Waste Water policy is required</b></p>	<p>Thames Water</p>	<p>Thames Water presses for the inclusion, with the Local Plan, a policy that seeks developers to make provision of adequate water and sewerage infrastructure to service developments.</p> <p>They have recommended that in order to comply with the national policy/guidance and given the local water and wastewater constraints in the District, a specific policy on water and wastewater should now be included in the Plan.</p>	<p>Thames Water, a contributor to the Water Study, articulates the need for an additional policy and they contend its absence is a soundness issue – one of compliance with national policy/guidance.</p>	<p>Focussed Change</p>
<p><b>Amending development boundaries and/or include a site specific protective policy</b></p>	<p>Several (inc. Town Council)</p>	<p>Badgers Field, Chipping Campden; and The Craves, Chipping Campden.</p> <p>Local consultations are invaluable in identifying the most appropriate boundaries. Officers continue to identify other such instances where a development boundary needs to be redrawn to more accurately reflect the limits of the urban edge.</p>	<p>The additional areas contained within the development boundary could have unintended consequences and increase development pressures and should be redrawn.</p>	<p>Focussed Change</p>
<p><b>Policy H3 excludes the provision of affordable housing in non-principal</b></p>	<p>Internal review</p>	<p>Following the close of the consultation, Officers have reviewed Policy DS3 and Policy H3 and found that whilst they support housing development it places no requirement on schemes to contribute towards the delivery of affordable housing; unlike sites located in the 17 principal</p>	<p>Evidence clearly shows Cotswold District has one of highest affordability ratios in England and as a result there is a significant pressure to deliver</p>	<p>Focussed Change</p>

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settlements		<p>settlements.</p> <p>This runs contrary to local plan and the Council's housing strategy that seeks to require all net additional dwellings schemes to contribute towards the supply of affordable housing.</p>	<p>affordable housing.</p> <p>As it stands Policy H3 weakens the ability of the council to deliver affordable housing.</p>	
Policy EC8	CDC's retailing Consultant	<p>Emerging retail evidence indicates a number of changes are needed to improve the clarity and consistency of the policy with national policy / guidance. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o There is a need to include an 'impact' criterion in EC8 as well as in EC9. In addition, it should be clear that the assessment of impact will test the impact on both town centre vitality and viability and town centre investment (in line with para 26 of the NPPF);</li> <li>o EC8(1) indicates that all proposals for 'main town centre uses' will be subject to the sequential test. This in line with para 24 of the NPPF but the wording of EC8(1) should be updated to reflect national policy – i.e. that preference should be given to accessible sites that are well connected to town centres and that the Council expects applicants to demonstrate flexibility in terms</li> </ul>	<p>Cumulatively Policy EC8 requires a number of changes.</p> <p>Several issues appear to be minor in nature, e.g. modification would improve clarity and understanding but do not raise specific soundness issues.</p> <p>However, there are a number of issues where the policy appears not to be consistent with NPPF/G and therefore requires modification.</p>	Focussed Change and Minor Modifications

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		<p>of scale and format;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Parts (a) and (e) of EC8(2) could be accused of attempting to bring back the 'scale' and 'need' tests which are no longer part of national planning policy;</li> <li>o Part (3) of EC8 is where the references to the sequential and impact tests should be placed.</li> </ul>		