

Cabinet response to recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny

Recommendation arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 13 October 2025.

The following recommendation arose from a discussion on item 11 on the 16 October 2025 Cabinet agenda: Cotswold District Local Plan (2011-31) Regulation 18 Consultation

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Cabinet Member	Lead Officer
<p>That the Council continues to lobby government for a significantly lower housing target for the Cotswold District given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 80% of the district is within the Cotswold National Landscape area. b) The infrastructure challenges across the district (sewage capacity, rural roads, public transport, etc.) c) Lack of access to facilities and employment in many areas. d) The need for government support to address some of these challenges (e.g. funding for a bypass). e) The reality of what scale of development and supporting infrastructure will be deliverable in the remaining developable parts of the district. 	Y	<p>The Leader has drafted a letter to go to Steve Reed which will set out what we are doing and reiterate these messages.</p> <p>The letter will set out the challenges and constraints unique to the district which impact upon our ability to deliver the government's housing targets. It will also reference infrastructure and ask what support the government can provide to unlock funding and to ensure utilities providers are positioned to support this growth with adequate and timely provision.</p>	Councillor Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning	Helen Martin, Director of Communities and Place