

Chipping Campden Parish Neighbourhood Development

Detailed Hearing Note

Context

This note clarifies the next stages of the examination process and expands on the earlier note about the need for a hearing.

The examination of the submitted Plan is proceeding well. I have visited the neighbourhood area, read the submitted documents and the representations made to the Plan. I have also prepared a clarification note and read the responses to that note.

Hearing

I am satisfied that most of the Plan can be examined by way of written representations. However, in accordance with paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, I have concluded that to ensure an adequate examination of the Plan it is necessary to hold a hearing on the contents of Policies 1 and 6 of the submitted Plan.

Hearing Details

The hearing details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 14 April 2026

Time: 10.30am (arrive c. 10am)

Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Chipping Campden GL55 6HB

The issues and the participants

The Issues

The hearing will address two issues.

The first is the Plan's proposal in Policy 6 to designate the following local green spaces:

- The Hoo West (LGS19);
- The Hoo East (LGS20);
- The Cley (LGS21); and
- The Craves (LGS22).

The second is the Plan's proposal in Policy 1 to extend the Chipping Campden Key Centre boundary.

The Participants

Chipping Campden Town Council (CCTC) and Cotswold District Council (CDC) have a statutory role at the hearing.

The private sector organisations listed below have been invited to attend the hearing:

- Morgan Elliot Planning (on proposed Local Green Spaces 20 and 21); and
- Brodie Planning Associates (on proposed Local Green Spaces 19 and 22).

The public and other interested parties will be able to attend the hearing. However, only the organisations invited to attend will be able to participate on the day.

There will be breaks throughout the day and with a slightly longer break at lunchtime. I anticipate that the hearing will finish around 4.30pm.

The hearing sessions

Session 1: The extent to which the Town Council has addressed the additional benefit of the relevant proposed local green space designations beyond the location of the sites concerned in the Cotswolds National Landscape.

This session will address the extent to which the proposed local green space (LGS) designations have regard to Planning practice guidance (ID: 37-011-20140306).

The participants for this session will be CCTC, CDC, Morgan Elliot Planning, and Brodie Planning Associates.

Session 2: Proposed LGS 20 The Hoo East

This session will address the following matters:

- the extent to which the proposed LGS is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance (NPPF 107b);
- the extent to which the proposed LGS is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land (NPPF 107c);
- the extent to which the proposed designation has regard to Planning practice guidance ID: 37-017-20140306 (on public access), and ID: 37-018-20140306 (on public rights of way);
- the extent to which the proposed designation would be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs, and other essential services (NPPF106); and
- the extent to which the proposed designation is capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period (NPPF 106).

The participants for this session will be CCTC, CDC and Morgan Elliot Planning.

Session 3: Proposed LGS 21 The Cley

This session will address the following matters:

- the extent to which the proposed LGS is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance (NPPF 107b);
- the extent to which the proposed LGS is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land (NPPF 107c);
- the extent to which the proposed designation has regard to Planning practice guidance ID: 37-017-20140306 (on public access), and ID: 37-018-20140306 (on public rights of way);
- the extent to which the proposed designation would be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs, and other essential services (NPPF106); and
- the extent to which the proposed designation is capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period (NPPF 106).

The participants for this session will be CCTC, CDC and Morgan Elliot Planning.

Session 4: Proposed LGS 19 The Hoo West

This session will address the following matters:

- the extent to which the proposed LGS is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance (NPPF 107b);
- the extent to which the proposed LGS is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land (NPPF 107c);
- the extent to which the proposed designation has regard to Planning practice guidance ID: 37-017-20140306 (on public access), and ID: 37-018-20140306 (on public rights of way);
- the extent to which the proposed designation would be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs, and other essential services (NPPF106); and
- the extent to which the proposed designation is capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period (NPPF 106).

The participants for this session will be CCTC, CDC and Brodie Planning Associates.

Session 5: Proposed LGS The Craves

This session will address the following matters:

- the extent to which the proposed LGS is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance (NPPF 107b);
- the extent to which the proposed LGS is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land (NPPF 107c);
- the extent to which the proposed designation has regard to Planning practice guidance ID: 37-017-20140306 (on public access), and ID: 37-018-20140306 (on public rights of way);
- the extent to which the proposed designation would be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs, and other essential services (NPPF106); and
- the extent to which the proposed designation is capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period (NPPF 106).

The participants for this session will be CCTC, CDC and Brodie Planning Associates.

Session 6: The proposed extension of the Chipping Campden Key Centre Boundary

This session will address the following matters:

- the extent to which the proposed extension of the key centre boundary is based on appropriate evidence; and
- if there is a case to extend the boundary, how should the policy be worded so that it relates to the general principles and approach set out in Policy EC8 of the adopted Cotswold District Local Plan.

The participants for this session will be CCTC and CDC.

Other Matters

The Arrangements for the Hearing

The hearing will address the matters above in turn. I will ask the various questions and lead any further discussion on the issues.

The details in the Plan and the representations made by the various parties are thorough and comprehensive. As such hearing statements are not required.

The Next Steps after the hearing

I will finalise my report on the Plan as soon as possible after the hearing. The parts of the report which are unaffected by the hearing will have been completed by 14 April.

The Examination Report

The hearing introduces an additional stage into the examination process. It does not affect the way in which the report will be produced and finalised. I will send a fact check report to the District Council and the Town Council (as set out in the note on examination arrangements). The main findings of the hearing will be incorporated within the report on a policy-by-policy basis. The final report will be published once the fact-checking process has concluded.

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