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Rural England

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Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Affordable Housing SPD**

South Gloucestershire CPRE is broadly in support of the consultation document. We welcome the statement that all allocated sites are considered suitable for affordable housing. We are not seeking any changes to the document but would like to comment as follows:

3.1 Threshold for providing affordable housing - we are concerned with the efficient use of land in the provision of housing and that priority be given to developing brown field sites.

3.4 Rural Exception Sites - We note that 'rural exception sites' will not be permitted on sites within the Green Belt except where they would meet identified local need that cannot be met outside the Green Belt and where it would be consistent with the functions of the Green Belt and that such development should be related to scale, form and character of village concerned, and linking with Village Design Statements. We agree with these standards and that affordable housing can be provided in areas of employment without the need for commuting from urban areas.

8. Design Issues – We applaud the emphasis on a high standard of design and the integration within sites and hope that recent technology will be incorporated for water conservation and renewable energy. We also support the proposal to consider a range of alternative arrangements to achieve affordable housing to meet local need.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of S Glos District CPRE

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