

# Have your say on key housing plan

A draft plan for future housing has been published which will have an impact on Cheltenham and the surrounding area. This plan has been drawn up by officers from Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham councils and has now been published and is out for consultation.

The plan, called the Joint Core Strategy (JCS), says that up to 36,800 homes will be needed in the area covered by the three Councils by 2031, based on the County Council's projections for population growth.

The JCS proposes four different options: -

- **Scenario A** would see 16,200 homes being built by 2031. It would involve building on 'brownfield' (previously developed) sites which would mainly be in Gloucester and Cheltenham as well as building where planning permission has already been approved or where land has been allocated in current Local Plans; for example, the site at Farm Lane, Shurdington on the border with Leckhampton is included in Option A for 350 houses because it is already in Tewkesbury Borough Councils Local Plan.
- **Scenarios B, C and D** would include the housing proposed in Scenario A plus development on new areas of land, including fields in Leckhampton which are earmarked for 1,300 houses. Scenario C involves building 36,800 houses whereas Scenarios B and D are just below and above that figure.

Local Campaigner Paul Baker said "This is a crucial plan that will affect the future of our town and it is vital that local people have their say.

"What is planned for in Leckhampton, whilst not directly affecting Charlton Park could have a significant impact on our area.

"For example, the issue of school places is of huge concern to many families in our area. It is not always possible to get a place at a local senior school as we have seen in recent years. Access to Bournside School for families in and around the Charlton Park will be very much more limited if the many new houses proposed are built in Leckhampton. Whilst the number of 1,650 houses is massive it is not enough to generate enough planning gain money to provide a new senior school for the South of Cheltenham."

Friday, 20 January 10 am-5pm Regent Arcade, Cheltenham  
Saturday, 21 January 10 am-5pm Regent Arcade, Cheltenham

You must submit any comments on the JCS by 12 February 2012. You can make your comments through the JCS website at [www.gct-jcs.org](http://www.gct-jcs.org) or by email to [info@gct-jcs.org](mailto:info@gct-jcs.org) or in writing to the JCS Team, Municipal Offices, Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 9SA. You can also contact the JCS team on 0800 073 1441.



It is important that local people make their views known so that we can continue to defend Cheltenham's valuable green spaces

## Gloucestershire Warm and Well - Keep your home warm and stay well

Gloucestershire Warm and Well offers the opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of your home, reduce the cost of your fuel bills and to reduce associated health problems caused by the cold, meaning you are more comfortable in your home this winter and can stay warm during the cold winter months.

**Paul Baker** said "The Warm and Well scheme offers free advice on saving energy and can help you claim a grant towards the cost of insulation. **If you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, on a low income or aged over 70, it may be FREE.** If you do not fall into these categories, cavity wall insulation can now be installed from £99 and loft insulation from £149. The total cost of a job for a typical 3 bed semi is £400-£450, so it represents a 75% reduction through grant funding."

For free, impartial advice about this and other energy saving grants and offers call on 0800 512 012. The Gloucestershire Warm and Well scheme is funded and managed separately from the Energy Saving Trust Advice Service by the Severn Wye Energy Agency. To apply online visit: [www.warmandwell.co.uk](http://www.warmandwell.co.uk).



# Working with you to improve our area

# County Council forced to review library policy following High Court judgment

A fresh consultation into new plans for Gloucestershire's library service is likely to start early this year.

**Gloucestershire County Council has been forced back to the drawing board** after its plans to make savage cuts to the County's library service were thrown out by a damning High Court judgement in November last year.



On 20 January 2012, Cabinet will meet to confirm the details of the draft library plans and if they agree, a public consultation to gather feedback on the proposals will start soon after.

Exact dates and details will be publicised closer to the time, but the consultation is likely to take six weeks.

## Kings Lawn - Sandy Lane Road

At the end of November a revised planning application was submitted for the demolition of **Kings Lawn, Sandy Lane Road** and construction of a replacement dwelling, detached sun room and swimming pool with associated access, turning area and landscaping.

A previous application had been refused at planning committee for being out of keeping with the character of the area.

The new application is very similar to that previously submitted but the building is proposed to be rendered. The reference number is 11/01693/FUL and can be viewed at the Borough Council offices or on the council's website.

At the time of writing a decision on the revised scheme had not been made.

# Brown bin garden waste collections

Have you signed up for your brown garden waste bin yet? If not, now is a great time to do so as the Borough Council recently agreed a discount for new users and for those renewing their membership to the scheme within a certain timescale.



If you are a new customer, or if you renew before your renewal date, you will be able to use the scheme for a year for the price of **£34** instead of £36. New sign ups and renewals to the scheme can be done via the council's website, by telephone or by visiting the Municipal Officers.

If you are an existing customer, the Council will contact you around four weeks before your renewal date. You will need your customer reference number which will be sent to you by post or email approximately 4 weeks before your renewal date. If you don't have this please contact the council and they will be able to help.

For more information please visit Cheltenham Borough Council website <http://www.cheltenham.gov.uk> or telephone them on 01242 262626.

Also for those living in areas where there is limited storage for the brown bins, a new bag scheme is being launched later this year and more details on that will be available nearer the time.

# Traffic Speed issues - Would you support a '20's plenty' scheme in your area?

Fears about traffic speed are one of the key issues that people raise with us. Roads such as **Old Bath Road, Bafford Approach** and **Greenhills Road** seem to be of concern to people living nearby who are worried about the dangers of speeding traffic.

**Councillor Klara Sudbury** said "A number of towns have introduced "Twenty's Plenty" schemes where all residential streets have a 20 mph speed limit. Only arterial streets, so called because they carry a larger amount of through traffic, retain the 30 mph limit. Supporters of "Twenty's Plenty" believe that such schemes reduce accidents and provide a more cycle and pedestrian friendly environment. They also say limiting speeds to 20 mph on residential streets has very little impact on journey times (only slowing journeys by an average of 40 seconds) and leads to a 10% reduction in petrol consumption."

**We would like to know whether you would support a "Twenty's Plenty" scheme in our area. Please use the box below to let us know where you think there are traffic speed issues in our area and whether or not you feel a Twenty's Plenty or alternative solution would be appropriate. More information is available at <http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk>**



## How to contact your Lib Dem team



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Your local Lib Dem team hold regular **advice surgeries** at our Office at 16 Hewlett Road on the **first Saturday morning of every month**. They are held between 10 am & 12 noon and no appointment is necessary. Please feel free to come along and discuss issues of concern with us, we will be pleased to see you.

Name of street where traffic speeds are a problem .....

Do you support the idea of a Twenty's Plenty Scheme for just the Road or area you are concerned about? Yes / No

If No what solution do you think would work best and be most supported by the local community?

Do you support the idea of a Twenty's Plenty for us scheme for Cheltenham as a whole? Yes / No

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