

From: The Clerk to COMBE HAY PARISH COUNCIL
To: Council.
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THE CORE STRATEGY.

I am Peter Duppa-Miller – I am the Clerk to Combe Hay Parish Council.

This statement is in four parts -

- 1. Combe Hay Parish Council is greatly dismayed that the Inspector examining the Core Strategy has decided to set aside all the well-evidenced arguments contesting the allocation of the Land Adjoining Odd Down for new housing. These arguments, advanced throughout the lengthy examination period, included -**
 - a. The very significant over-provision of market-price housing,**
 - b. The extremely harmful effect on the Setting of the City of Bath World Heritage Site,**
 - c. The removal of land from the supposedly-permanent Bath Green Belt,**
 - d. The un-necessary building in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty,**
 - e. The damage which would be inflicted on the Plateau's biodiversity.**
 - f. The loss of land which is currently producing food.**
- 2. The Combe Hay Conservation Area Appraisal is due to be adopted by the end of July 2014 (see Forward Plan item E2648). It is requested that it be added to the list of Supplementary Planning Documents at Attachment 3, as part of the minor textual amendments which the Cabinet Member and the Divisional Director are authorised to make.**
- 3. Similarly, Combe Hay Parish Council requests that the Placemaking Principles relating to the Land Adjoining Odd Down (see Main Modification MM 39) be amended to include in section 2 (The MasterPlan) the specific requirement for both South Stoke Parish Council and Combe Hay Parish Council to be parties to the preparation of the MasterPlan.**
- 4. With regard to a separate issue, Combe Hay Parish Council is, and many other rural settlements are, extremely grateful to see that Additional Modification AM 47 now includes very strong wording with regard to Broadband being a Rural Strategic Issue.**