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Dear [REDACTED]

## Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2005 dated the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and the response from the Council's Chief Executive dated the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

The Council resolution passed on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 set out the basis for the next round of consultation. In order to get to this stage the Council has commissioned, undertaken and gathered an array of information, however this is at a level commensurate with this stage in the process and does not involve a detailed assessment of every element of every potential development location.

Accordingly the information that informed the recommendation to Members was at this higher level and will be developed and challenged up until the planning inspector considers the plan towards the end of 2012 and ultimately if the sites proceed to a planning application.

The information below is already in the public domain and can be accessed via the internet. I have provided the web link to assist. I am making the assumption that you have access to the internet, if you do not, we can provide you with access at the Council offices at Ebley Mill. The documents referred to below are numerous hence I have not sought to copy them.

- ENTEC (now AMEC) carried out a carbon footprint study and development location exercise for the District. It was broader than just renewable energy aspects. I attach a link to our final Development Location Comparison and Carbon Foot printing Study:-

[http://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/localplan/carbon\\_footprinting\\_study.pdf](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/localplan/carbon_footprinting_study.pdf)

- SDC CLIMATE CHANGE Topic Paper to support alternative strategies stage of the Core Strategy:

[http://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/plan\\_strat/Climate\\_Change\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/plan_strat/Climate_Change_Paper.pdf)

- ENTEC also carried out a County wide study on renewable energy potential. This can be seen at:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=102901>

The Gloucestershire Renewable Energy Study was undertaken in two phases. The first part of the study examines 'on site' renewable energy options for new developments. The second part of the study looks more holistically at renewable resource across the whole county. Taken together, the two parts of the study provide the most comprehensive picture of the county's total renewable energy potential provided to date.

- 'Sustainability Appraisal' work has also taken place alongside the Core Strategy work. A number of objectives which may be relevant: 13 To implement energy efficiency through building design to maximise the re-use of land and buildings, recycle building materials and use renewable sources of energy; 14 To implement strategies that help mitigate global warming and adapt to unavoidable climate change within the District. This can be found at:-

[http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/planning/planning\\_strategy.asp#s=sectioncontent2&p=app](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/planning/planning_strategy.asp#s=sectioncontent2&p=app)

Click on sustainability appraisals on the bulleted list under LDF.

- At a national level, PPS1 can be accessed via these links:-

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicystatements/pps1/>

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicystatements/ppsclimatechange/>

- Planning Advisory Service links:

<http://www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pagelid=108847>

- HCA Planning and Climate Change Guidance:-

<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/ourwork/sustainable-development>

- SW Regional Development Agency renewable energy advice:

[http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/working\\_for\\_the\\_region/working\\_for\\_the\\_environment/renewable\\_energy.aspx](http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/working_for_the_region/working_for_the_environment/renewable_energy.aspx)

There are also a number of references links in the above documents I which maybe of use.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you. If you have any complaint about the way in which your request for information has been handled, please write to the Legal Services Manager who will undertake a review. If you remain dissatisfied you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours sincerely

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