

29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Planning Department  
Stroud District Council  
Ebley Mill  
Ebley Wharf  
Stroud  
GL5 4UB

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Regent House  
65 Rodney Road  
Cheltenham  
GL50 1HX

01242 230066  
www.ridge.co.uk

Dear sir/madam

**REPRESENTATION TO STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: DRAFT PLAN – PS47 RENISHAW NEW MILLS**

This representation has been prepared by Ridge and Partners on behalf of Renishaw PLC in relation to the consultation on the Stroud District Local Plan Review: Draft Plan. Renishaw PLC is one of the world's leading engineering and scientific technology companies, with expertise in precision measurement and healthcare. The company supplies products and services used in applications as diverse as jet engine and wind turbine manufacture, through to dentistry and brain surgery. It is also a world leader in the field of additive manufacturing (also referred to as metal 3D printing), where it is the only UK business that designs and makes industrial machines which 'print' parts from metal powder.

The Renishaw Group currently has more than 70 offices in 35 countries, with over 4,000 employees worldwide. Around 2,800 people are employed within the UK where the company carries out the majority of its research and development and its manufacturing.

Its Headquarters is at New Mills, near Wotton-under-Edge in Stroud, and whilst there are additional offices around the UK, it has a strong presence within Stroud District. Renishaw is noted within the adopted Local Plan at Page 133 to be 'a major employer, based just outside the village of Kingswood' and at Page 137 as a 'notable employment hub'. Its importance locally is therefore recognised by the District Council, as well as Gfirst LEP within the 'Strategic Economic Plan' which specifically references Renishaw when referring to the high levels of productivity in manufacturing within the County.

The ongoing needs of Renishaw PLC have been acknowledged by the Council, and the land adjacent to New Mills has been allocated for employment development. Allocation PS47 for Land West of Renishaw New Mills states the following:

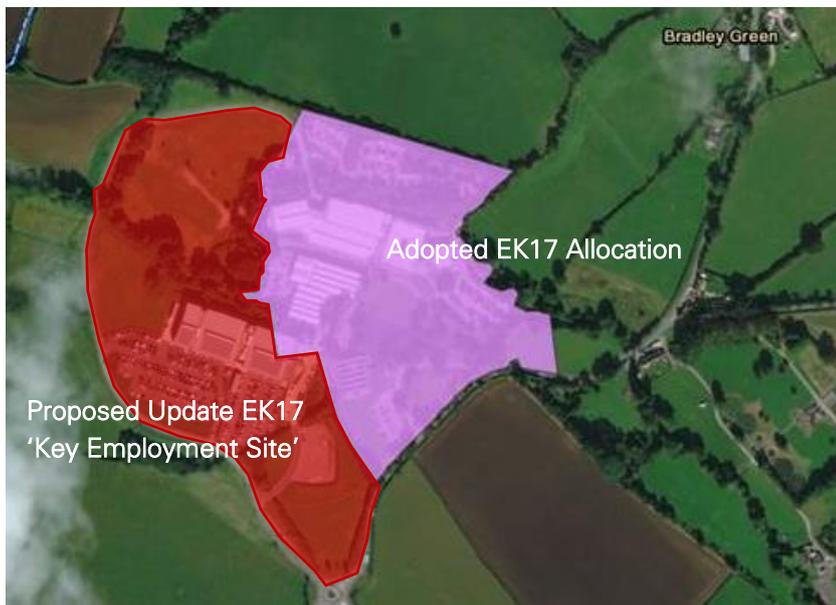
*'Land west of Renishaw New Mills, as identified on the policies map, is allocated as an extension to the key employment site EK17 for a development comprising 9ha employment and strategic landscaping. Detailed policy criteria will be developed where necessary to highlight specific mitigation measures and infrastructure requirements. A development brief incorporating an indicative masterplan, to be approved by the District Council, will detail the way in which the land uses and infrastructure will be developed in an integrated and co-ordinated manner.'*

Renishaw PLC support the allocation within the Draft Plan as it provides flexibility for the future growth of the business and allows for the company's expansion over the Plan Period. Equally the allocation will also allow for the

growth of associated businesses next to Renishaw and will help foster the growth of knowledge intensive businesses at this location and within the District.

It is also noted that the Plan on plan on Page 135 – which shows the key constraints and designations in and around Kingswood – fails to identify the existing allocation at New Mills (EK17). It is clear from the table at page 167 which relates to Policy E11 that the site is proposed to remain allocated as a ‘Key Employment Site’; however, the boundary of this is unknown. Previous representations have been submitted on the boundary of this allocation, which failed to include the recently constructed Renishaw Innovation Centre as well as the remaining area within the perimeter road subject to application reference S.18/2368/FUL.

It is requested that the boundary is updated to reflect these applications as shown below.



I trust this will be taken into account. However, please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

For Ridge and Partners LLP