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By email only to: <u>david.lowin@tewkesbury.gov.uk</u>

27 April 2023

Dear David,

## APPLICATION NO: 22/01137/OUT

**DESCRIPTION:** A cross subsidy affordable/open market residential development comprising up to 50 dwellings (of which 50% will be affordable housing and a further 10% will be self/custom build), vehicular and pedestrian access, internal streets, drainage, landscaping and all other ancillary engineering works. All matters are reserved except for vehicular access onto Badgeworth Lane LOCATION: Land at Badgeworth Lane, Badgeworth Lane, Badgeworth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds National Landscape Board<sup>1</sup> on the letter from the applicant's agent dated 24 January 2023 providing further information on this development, which would be located within the setting of the Cotswolds National Landscape<sup>2</sup>.

In our initial consultation response dated 21 December 2022 the Board raised a holding objection to this application as we considered that the potential impacts of the proposal on the Cotswolds National Landscape have not been adequately assessed and requested a further assessment of the highways impacts in relation to the tranquillity of the National Landscape. This response should therefore be read in conjunction with our initial consultation response.

The agent's letter provides further details from the applicant's transport consultants in relation to traffic volumes and traffic generation from the development. These figures demonstrate that the traffic generation from the development would be well below the 10% 'rule of thumb' threshold referred to in our previous response and that the majority of the traffic generated by the development is likely to travel on routes outside of the National Landscape. Therefore, having reviewed the agent's letter, the Board wishes to **withdraw our previous holding objection**.

## Cotswolds Conservation Board

The Old Prison, Fosse Way, Northleach Gloucestershire GL54 3JH 01451 862000 info@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk The Cotswolds National Landscape is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), managed and looked after by the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

## cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Chairman: Brendan McCarthy

Vice Chair: Rebecca Charley Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this response further.

Yours sincerely,

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## NOTES:

- Cotswolds National Landscape is the new name for the Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The new name takes forward one of the proposals of the Government-commissioned 'Landscapes Review' to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. This change reflects the national importance of AONBs and the fact that they are safeguarded, in the national interest, for nature, people, business and culture.
- 2) The name used for the organisation associated with the AONB designation is the Cotswolds National Landscape Board. At times this is abbreviated to National Landscape Board or The Board. The legal name of the organisation remains the Cotswolds Conservation Board but this name is no longer used in most circumstances.