



Protecting the architectural and historic quality of Chipping Campden, its open spaces and its natural setting.

ADVICE GIVEN BY THE COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL OVER THE CRAVES/LEASOWS MATTER.

We have been informed by the Cotswold District Council it has advised the Town Council that:

- (a) a proposal to include the development of further housing on the Leasows in the Neighbourhood Development Plan should only be made if the Town Council has first made an evidence-based decision, supported by a Strategic Environmental Assessment, that further housing in the town is needed and, after all reasonable alternatives have been considered, the Town Council has determined that the Leasows is the preferred site; and
- (b) such determination by the Town Council should not have been induced, for example by an offer of any other land.

In the words of the Cotswold District Council: “*an allocation in a development plan must be evidence-based, and thus is not a tradeable commodity that can be exchanged for the gift of land at another location*”. In the circumstances therefore, we trust that the Town Council will not proceed with the planned Town Referendum.

The Cotswold District Council has confirmed to the Society that it is happy for us to make public the above advice it has given to the Town Council.

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