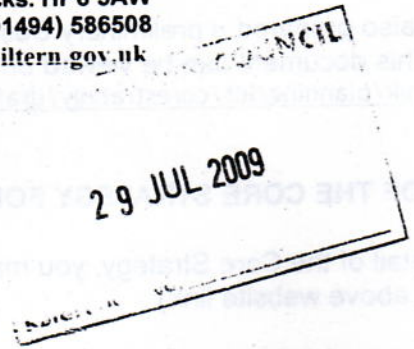


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Dear Ms. Graves

CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL: CORE STRATEGY

I am writing to you in connection with the latest stage in preparation of the Core Strategy for Chiltern District, where we are seeking to secure feedback on the delivery aspects of the Core Strategy from important stakeholders, such as Revitalisation and Community Groups. I also want to advise you of the next steps in the preparation of the Local Development Framework.

The Core Strategy for Chiltern District sets out an overall vision, strategy and principles to guide the future of the area and shows which parts of the District are regarded as the best locations for new homes and other development up to 2026. In this context plans are included which show where the District's housing requirement up to 2026 will be delivered.

Current Position

The Cabinet has agreed a draft of the Core Strategy for Chiltern District, after considering an extensive evidence base that has been gathered by the Council since 2004, and also after taking account of relevant national and regional policies. At this stage, whilst the strategy is now substantially decided, Cabinet considers it necessary to carry out further detailed discussions with those key stakeholders who are most likely to be able to help us deliver the approved strategy. This is in order to ensure that it is both achievable and deliverable and to estimate when delivery of the different strands of the strategy may occur. We will also be continuing a dialogue that is ongoing with those stakeholders most affected by the proposed changes.

At this stage we are **not** carrying out another widespread public consultation, but rather we are focussing on a more detailed dialogue with just a few key stakeholders with a view to progressing some, as yet unresolved matters. These detailed discussions will take place over the summer/early autumn months and any necessary changes that will aid delivery of the Core Strategy will be incorporated into the draft. In January 2010 once the Core Strategy has been finalised it will be published and there will be a further opportunity for public representations to be made. These will

