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## **TWESBURY LOCAL PLAN LECKHAMPTON SD2 DEVELOPMENT**

Dear Mrs Harrison,

You are probably aware of the controversy over the Tewkesbury Local Plan, specifically with the development plan for the south east of Cheltenham /Leckhampton area. This issue has been running for several years with Cheltenham Councillors and Leckhampton residents (represented by LEGLAG) in opposition and leading to a comprehensive public inquiry held between March 2002 and March 2003. You may be surprised that the Inspector's recommendation - '2.25.17 The Plan be modified by the deletion of Policy SH1' [Ref. 1], was cast aside by Tewkesbury Borough Council with no explanation.

A recent report in our local paper discussing the Tewkesbury Local Plan was predicting that the GOSW was unlikely to 'intervene in the democratic process', this has prompted us to write. This is a central point in this whole dispute, a failure of the democratic process leaving the Leckhampton residents totally unrepresented in the Tewkesbury Local Development Plan. The views of Cheltenham Council, opposed to this new development and backed up by their own Inspector's Report, *have not* been taken into account in this plan. Our elected council has *had no* say in a housing development, which would undoubtedly become part of Leckhampton with Cheltenham responsible for all services.

Tewkesbury Borough Council in pushing ahead with the SD2 plan seems to be attaching more importance to numbers on a map than the impact on the community or the sustainability of this development.

From another perspective there is much entertainment value, seen by some as an elaborate game of Hokey Cokey by Tewkesbury Borough Council – IN January 2001, OUT June 2004 due to Public/Cheltenham Council opposition and the Inspectors Report (December 2003), IN May 2005 with the Second Proposed Modifications and shaken all about 360 to 300, renamed SH1 to SD2 and then back to 360. It certainly increases the circulation of our local paper!

We are hoping that GOSW can now turn us all around. We need your guidance and respectfully request GOSW to assess the SD2 element of the Tewkesbury Local Plan and arbitrate between Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Councils taking the views of Leckhampton residents into account. The SD2 element represents one small part of an otherwise good local plan. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue in person, ideally with representatives from the Cheltenham Council and LEGLAG.

Yours sincerely

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Leckhampton Lanes Residence Association (LLRA)  
[LLRA representing 37 of 39 households of Farm, Kidnappers & Farm Court,](#)  
[87 of 95 households of The Lanes, Blackthorn, Chestnut, Bryony Bank, Larch Rise, Alders & Spindles,](#)  
[47 of 48 households of Brizen Lane and Nourse Close.](#)  
[ALL 171 households have given support to this letter, over 300 signatories to copies of this letter as our petition to the GOSW, for delivery in person.](#)

Ref. 1 Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan To 2011 Report Of Public Local Inquiry Into  
Objections PINSM/G1630/429/5 December 2003 - Mary Travers Ba(Hons) DipTP  
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