



## Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan Examination

### Hearing Statement

#### Matter 3: Housing Allocations and Settlement Boundaries

Statement prepared on behalf of Persimmon Homes

#### Introduction

1. This Hearing Statement has been prepared on behalf of Persimmon Homes who have land interests throughout the Borough. LRM appeared extensively at the Examination of the Joint Core Strategy on behalf of Persimmon Homes and others including Sessions in relation to Spatial Strategy and Housing Provision. **The Statement relates only to the question of a new primary school at Bishops Cleeve.**

2. A sub question of Question 3.3 is whether a new primary school is necessary at Bishops Cleeve. In its representations to the Regulation 19 Plan, Gloucestershire County Council, as the Local Education Authority, object to each of the proposed allocations at Bishops Cleeve on the basis that insufficient primary school provision is available to meet the needs of local residents and opportunities to expand existing schools are limited. It explains that it is not possible for additional demand to be met at existing schools.

3. This response goes on to identify a need for a new 3 form entry primary school at Bishops Cleeve, specifically to the north of Bishops Cleeve.

4. In July 2020, the County Council responded to the planning application submitted by Persimmon to the north of Bishops Cleeve (17/00399/OUT also referred to as GOT017) explaining that all of the schools in the Bishops Cleeve planning area have already been expanded to meet local demands from all of the on-going local development and a need has been identified for an additional primary school at Bishops Cleeve. It goes on to state that *"This development location has been identified as the site that will provide land for a new primary school"*.

5. These development proposals have identified land that would be suitable for a 2 form entry primary school but this could be enlarged to accommodate the necessary 3 forms of entry. However, at the present time, this Site is not amongst the Plan's proposed allocations.

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