

Comments from (organisation, or surname) ...SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
 (CHELTENHAM BOROUGH).....

Section B

Support / Oppose / Comment (please specify)	OPPOSE /AMEND
RSS Reference – Policy or Paragraph Number	SD3 and 7.3.16
For comments on the Sustainability Appraisal – Paragraph Number	
For comments on the Habitats Regulation Assessment Report – Paragraph Number	

Section C

To help us process your response effectively please summarise why you support or oppose the Proposed Change:

The SD3 does not provide sufficient support for the country’s agricultural needs.

Similarly, paragraph 7.1.16 does not give sufficient heed to the changing economic situation and the country’s need to become self-sufficient in food and energy-related production

Section D1

If you wish to expand your response please use the space below.

Farming and Agriculture provide a major and important use for land within the greenbelt and on the fringes of the town.

Because of the RSS many farmers now find themselves targeted by developers. It is hard to comprehend why the RSS should be focused on development of land in the area around Cheltenham despite the consequences that this will have on farming.

The need to encourage farming to continue at a time when many farmers are selling up because they can no longer make a living off the land is imperative.

Section D2

If you are suggesting changes to the draft RSS please supply revised wording of policies or supporting text as you wish to see them:

SD3 The Environment and Natural Resources

“ The region’s environment and natural resources will be protected and enhanced by:

- **Ensuring that the country’s agricultural land needs are respected and that greater efficiency may improve the self-sufficiency of food production for it;**
- Ensuring that development respects landscape and ecological thresholds of settlements
- Reducing the environmental impact of the economy, transport and development
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“7.3.16 In future, as changes to agricultural policy and industry take shape, less land ~~may is likely~~ ~~to~~ be used primarily for food production. However, in the extant economic climate there is a perceived need to maintain the agricultural land for that purpose whether it be directly for food production or to accommodate some use for ~~More is likely to be used for crops~~ for industry and energy **related crop production**, or ~~managed mainly~~ for conservation **or** recreation ~~or community~~ benefits.”

Please ensure that you have written your name at the top of the page. Completed forms should be received in the Government Office for the South West by 5.00pm on Friday 24th October. Late responses will not be accepted.