The Town Council has long held the view that Winchcombe and Greet should remain separate settlements, with a clear greenspace gap. The Bloor and Redrow developments will erode the current gap. So the need to protect the remaining gap is that much greater. A new Government designation – Local Green Space – could provide an effective block to further incursion (see panel 15 for more details).

Beyond the Almsbury complex, a full analysis of the fields around town and further afield essentially led us to just the two options shown on the map. Their main advantages and disadvantages are set out in the table below.

It is a big decision, to settle on a strategic location for up to 100 homes, to be delivered in four or five phases over the next 20 years or so. But Government policy makes clear that if we show where development can go, on sites that are feasible and supported by the community, we will also be able to protect the open spaces the community values in the long term. **We need your help with this decision.**

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| Proposed Almsbury retirement complex | • Easy walking distance to shops  
• Modest impact on traffic  
• A new use, at last, for an important historic building  
• Potential ‘planning gains’ of new community access routes, new car park and local visitor centre | • May be seen as detrimental to the setting of Sudeley Castle  
• AONB location, albeit well hidden by trees  
• Requires changes in parking practice in Vineyard Street |
| West of Winchcombe                 | • Reasonable walking distance to bus stop, town centre and primary school  
• Reasonable and safe cycling route to secondary school | • AONB location, but not prominent if 100m contour respected  
• Storm drainage may be an issue |
| Infill in Geet                     | • Easy walk to secondary school  
• Infill development, reinforcing sense of place  
• Close to bus route | • Need to drive to shops  
• Very long walk to primary school  
• Further urban extension into Special Landscape Area |