

The Emerging Strategy Consultation

Horsley Parish Council Response

27 November 2018

The Horsley Parish Council has been following the development of the emerging Stroud District Council Local Plan with keen interest and would like to contribute a consultation response to the Emerging Strategy Public Consultation.

We welcome the document and are particularly pleased to note that Horsley has been re-designated as a Tier 3B settlement, which we feel more accurately reflects the rural nature and limited access to services in our village.

Section 2.11b(i) of the National Planning Policy Framework (2018) stipulates that, in the process of plan-making, local authorities should have regard to policies designed to protect sensitive areas when applying the principle of sustainable development, including AONB status amongst other special designations. We welcome the respect for environmental concerns shown in the Draft Plan, following these principles.

The settlement boundary of Horsley has been minimally altered to reflect recent new developments, particularly at Nupend (Sealey Wood). We support the settlement boundary as it currently stands in the Draft Plan, and the concept more generally.

We note the reference to Parry's Field in the Parish as a local space identified for protection as an outcome of the Issues and Options Consultation and welcome this.

I trust our response will be taken into consideration as you finalise the Local Plan.

Horsley Parish Council