



Stroud District Council is starting the process of reviewing the current Local Plan. This consultation is seeking views about the range of issues that the next Local Plan will need to tackle, and options for addressing them. This includes the identification of potential areas for growth and development. We ask a series of questions throughout the consultation document (each of which is numbered). Please refer to the question number and/or topic in your response, where relevant.

You can download a PDF or an editable electronic copy of this form from our website www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview. You will also find the main consultation document on this web page, as well as some supporting material and further reading. **Please note: there is a separate form for you to fill out if your comment relates specifically to a site submission / proposed alternative site (Local Plan Review: Call for Sites).**

The consultation closes on Tuesday 5th December 2017. Please email completed electronic responses to local.plan@stroud.gov.uk or post paper copies to **Local Plan Review, The Planning Strategy Team, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Stroud, GL5 4UB**. Should you have any queries, the Planning Strategy Team can be contacted on 01453 754143.

Consultation response form PART A

Your details

Thank you for taking part. Please fill out your personal information in PART A. Your contact details will not be made public and won't be used for any purpose other than this consultation. We will not accept anonymous responses. Your comments may be summarised when we report the findings of this consultation.

Your name

(title): <input type="text"/>	name: <input type="text"/>
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Your company name or organisation (if applicable)

Your address (optional)

Your email address *

Your phone number (optional)

If you are acting on behalf of a client, please supply the following details:

Your client's name

(title): <input type="text"/>	name: <input type="text"/>
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Your client's company or organisation (if applicable)

Keeping you updated:

Would you like to be notified of future progress on the Local Plan review? (* we will do this via email)

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| i) | When the findings from this consultation are made public | Yes please | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No thanks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) | The next formal round of public consultation | Yes please | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No thanks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) | No further contact please | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Consultation response form PART B:

If you have several different comments to make, you may wish to use a separate PART B sheet for each one (although you do not have to). If you use multiple PART B sheets, please make sure you fill in your name on each of them (you only have to fill out PART A once, as long as it is clearly attached to your PART B sheets when you submit the forms to us).

Your name

Your organisation or company

Your client's name/organisation
(if applicable)

The consultation is seeking views about whether the big issues identified within this paper are the right things to focus on and what options exist for tackling them. Are there other issues, options or opportunities that have been missed? **Please note: there is a separate form for you to fill out if your comment relates specifically to a site submission / proposed alternative site (download a copy of the sites form at www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview).**

We ask a series of questions (highlighted in pink boxes) throughout the consultation paper. Each of the questions is numbered. Please can you reference the question number(s) and/or the topic here:

Question number: 3.5a and 3.5b

Please use this box to set out your comments:

(Attach additional sheets of paper or expand this box if you need to)

In the Dursley and Cam area facilities and services are concentrated in the south of the area and include the Dursley shopping centre, the hospital at Littlecombe and the Rednock secondary school. However the focus for major development is on green fields to the North and East at an ever increasing distance from the centre.

The unchanged settlement limits in the Local Plan and the extremely tight interpretation of the limit risks sterilise potential development sites, which are much closer to facilities and more sustainable than the extended ribbon development of the settlement, albeit these are smaller than the large strategic sites to the North. Nevertheless such sites can make an important contribution to residential, affordable and homes for the elderly

Such sites are sterilised from consideration as they are in whole or in part outside the current settlement boundary. The settlement boundary as drawn has not been revised for a very long time even though significant changes have been made. For example the Littlecombe development is close to the Eastern settlement boundary and already 50+ houses have been built outside of the settlement boundary. This was agreed prior to approval of the SDC Local Plan and yet no change was made to the settlement boundary. The result of this extension beyond the settlement boundary has been to create pockets of land which may justify a realignment of the boundary were a revision to be undertaken. It is noted that development of such sites can move forward more quickly than the large strategic developments meeting needs at an earlier date.

Whilst this comment has been informed by a detailed knowledge of the Cam and Dursley settlement (in which I have lived for 40 years), it is likely to be valid for other settlements across the SDC area.

It is recommended that in tier 1 settlements at least settlement boundaries are reviewed with a view to identifying possible sustainable sites which can meet the Plan needs for affordable housing, housing for the elderly and/or residential development.



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