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Consultation response form PART B: 13 NOV 2017

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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: 2-6 SECTION 2.4 LOCAL GREEN SPACES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Please use this box to set out your comments:

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

Re. Local Plan Review 2017 [REDACTED]

It is well known that one of the major contributing factors in forming the character of Stroud is that it forms the locus to five valleys that surround it, often referred to as the Green Lungs of Stroud. Although there may be some debate as to which of the valleys make up his number there is no doubt that Slad valley is one of them. This valley immortalised by Laurie Lee in his writings and is recognised as arguably the most tranquil and darkest of the five. The landscape afforded by this valley has been recognised to be of special significance and as a consequence the majority is designated to be an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There is however an area where there is no designation. I refer to the fields north of Summer Street known locally as Baxter's and Mc Nally's fields. I find it incomprehensible that a boundary to an AONB can be a virtual line drawn on a map with no reference to the actual topography of the site which is totally indistinguishable from the AONB.

I therefore respectfully request that a district wide review is taken to identify this and any other relevant sites and a district policy is introduced to the Local Plan to designate these areas to at least Local Green Spaces as defined in the NPPF.