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Sent:

16 January 2019 15:25

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Subject:

from Horsley Community Energy Group

Dear colleagues

I am writing on behalf of myself and my colleagues, all being members of the recently formed Horsley Community Energy Group, who are undersigned below and copied into this submission, along with Horsley Parish Council.

We are inspired by the new SDC policy for the District to be Carbon Neutral by 2030 and we have the same vision for Horsley.

We are looking at the following options to enable Horsley to become carbon neutral, these include:

Onshore wind turbines

Fields of photo voltaic (pv) panels

Biomass growing and biomass heat generation

Small hydro turbines

Ground source, air and water heat pumps

New houses being constructed to passivhaus / carbon neutral standards

Existing houses being encouraged and assisted with retrofitting of insulation and alternative sources of power and heat

The provision of electric vehicle charging points in the village

An electric vehicle car club

An electric bike club.

We would like the Local Plan to have statements supportive of such developments.

We are aware that Horsley is within the AONB, which currently has policies that are restrictive of wind turbines and fields of pv panels. Whilst historically understandable given the nature of AONB classification, we feel these now need to be reviewed in light of the climate emergency and would like the Local Plan to make reference to these points, and make provision for exceptions in the AONB.

We are also aware of a 2015 Ministerial planning statement that requires suitable areas for wind power to be identified in Local Plans. (See, for example, <http://www.tltsolicitors.com/insights-and-events/insight/onshore-wind-planning-obstacles/> and Section 4 in <http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN04370#fullreport> for the impacts of the June 2015 changes).

We request that the Local Plan identifies suitable areas for wind power development, throughout the Stroud District, where areas of suitable wind have been identified as in the Gloucestershire County Council's Renewable Energy Study: Phase 2 – Resource Assessment , by ENTEC UK Ltd, February 2011, and the Stroud District Council 's Development Location Comparison and Carbon Footprinting Study , by AMEC September 2011.

If you would like more information on these ideas please contact me.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Kind regards

On 15 Jan 2019, at 11:15, <Local.Plan@stroud.gov.uk> <Local.Plan@stroud.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stroud District Local Plan Review: Emerging Strategy Public Consultation

This is a reminder that the Emerging Strategy Public Consultation closes on **Friday 18 January 2019**.

The Emerging Strategy Paper is available to view and download at www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview. Alternatively you will be able to look at hard copies of the documentation at the following locations:

- Town and parish council offices that open to the public: Berkeley, Cainscross, Cam, Chalford, Dursley, Minchinhampton, Nailsworth, Painswick, Rodborough, Stonehouse, Stroud, Upton St Leonards, Wotton-under-Edge
- Public libraries at Berkeley, Brockworth, Dursley, Nailsworth, Minchinhampton, Miserden, Quedgeley, Stonehouse, Stroud, Wotton-under-Edge
- Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill reception There are computers for public internet access here as well.
- The Tourist Information Centre at the Subscription Rooms, Stroud

Further information on the Local Plan Review and the consultation is available to view via www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview

To respond to the consultation, we would prefer you to complete the online survey available on the Local Plan Review webpage. Alternatively, you can email your response to local.plan@stroud.gov.uk or by post to **Local Plan Review, The Planning Strategy Team, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Stroud, GL5 4UB**. Please respond by **18th January 2019**.

Thank you if you have already submitted your response. There is no need to re-send. We will send out a formal acknowledgement shortly after the closing date.

Planning Strategy Team

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