

The Local Plan Review Draft Plan consultation

What's this
all about?

The **Stroud District Draft Local Plan** identifies the housing, employment, retail and community development that will be required to meet local needs up until 2040.

It sets out the **strategy** for distributing development within the District and **policies** for shaping and steering all kinds of development, including protecting and conserving the natural and built environment.

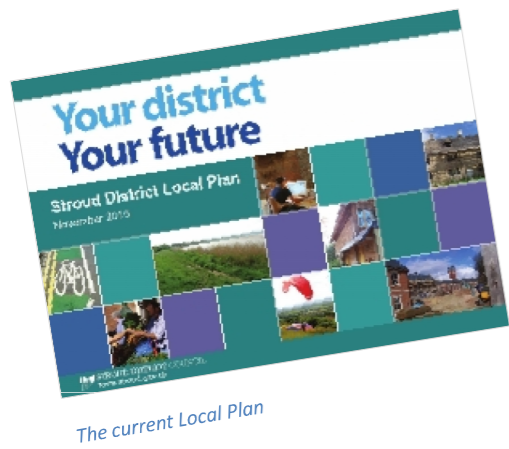
Why are we reviewing the Local Plan now?

The District Council started the process of reviewing the **current Local Plan** in 2017. The current Local Plan contains a strategy and site allocations to meet our District's needs up until 2031.

This consultation **Draft Plan** sets out the Council's preferred strategy for meeting growth and development needs over the next 20 years. It will supersede the current Local Plan, once adopted.

National policy, contained within the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, requires local plans to be kept up to date. There is a requirement to plan for current and future development needs over at least a 15 year time horizon. The Government wants all local authorities to review their local plans every 5 years. The **current Local Plan** was approved in November 2015. New plans can take 5 or more years to finalise and so it is important that we make progress now.

We have built into the timetable plenty of time to discuss issues, options and proposals with local communities. We have already completed public consultation on **Issues and Options** during Autumn 2017 and we sought views about an **Emerging Strategy** (and alternative options) last year.



What is our programme?

• **Issues and options consultation Autumn 2017:** An opportunity to discuss emerging issues and identify ways of distributing and managing future development needs.

• **Emerging strategy consultation Winter 2018:** We now know the minimum number of houses that we need to provide for and we have identified a potential strategy for delivery.

• **Final draft plan consultation Autumn 2019:** A chance to check that we have the right draft plan in place.

• **Pre-submission consultation Autumn 2020:** The formal stages of making representations on the plan.

• **Modifications Summer 2021:** Consultation on any proposed modifications to the plan.

• **Adoption:** It is anticipated that the new Local Plan will be adopted by Winter 2021/22.

Please respond by
the closing date of
22nd January 2020.

A vision to 2040

The Draft Plan sets out how we hope to shape the District over the next 20 years and includes a series of Strategic Objectives, which respond to key issues for Stroud District's future, identified through earlier public consultation.

A Development Strategy

The Draft Plan sets out overall strategy for managing growth and development across the District, up to 2040. It describes the Plan's overarching objectives for the future. It sets out where future strategic development will go and explains the levels and types of growth that have been planned for, in order to meet the District's needs.

Policies

Policies are integral to the Draft Plan and will play a vital role in shaping all kinds of future development across the District – from large strategic sites to individual home extensions. Broad 'core' policies set the tone and direction of the Draft plan and are the principal means of delivering the overarching objectives and strategy. A series of detailed 'Delivery Policies' add detail to the interpretation and application of the strategy and Core Policies.

Site allocations

The Draft Plan has identified land that can meet our growth and development needs over the next 20 years, in accordance with the overall strategy. These range from large strategic sites to smaller "local" sites to meet individual communities' needs.

Find out more...

Have a look at the **Development Strategy** board to see how these sites fit into the overall strategy.

Preliminary **concept material** relating to the strategic sites (produced by the respective site promoters) is available on our website.

There are supporting documents for you to look at here today if you would like to find out more about the **settlement hierarchy**, **policies**, the **vision** for this area and **evidence** behind the Draft Plan. Or visit our website for full information.

How can you make comments?

We have not posed specific questions in our consultation document and there is no set 'questionnaire'. But it would be useful to bear in mind the three questions on the left of this panel, to help you focus your feedback.

If you would like to make comments, **please reference site numbers, policy numbers or paragraph numbers** and be as specific as possible.

Electronic responses (by email or online) would be appreciated, as scanning and processing paper letters and documents significantly slows our ability to record, analyse and respond to representations.



Find out more and submit your comments via our online portal:
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The purpose of this Draft Plan consultation is to understand:-

- ? Do you support the Council's preferred strategy for meeting Stroud District's future growth and development needs?
- ? Are there any additional issues or constraints relating to the proposed sites? And how should specific constraints, needs and opportunities be reflected in the final site allocation policies?
- ? Are any further changes to the proposed policies necessary? Are there specific things that should be included in supporting text?



We are really keen for people to engage and give us views about the proposals, so that responses can be fed into the next stage (the Pre-submission Draft, next year).

You will find some activities here today, including:

- a board to stick post-it note comments on
- a renewable energy and low-carbon activity
- printed-out site maps for you to annotate with ideas, issues and comments that are specific to local sites

These activities are useful to give us an insight into peoples reactions, concerns and ideas. We will be recording what people generate today, but these activities are no substitute for making comments formally (see above).

Please visit our website to find out more.

Have a go!