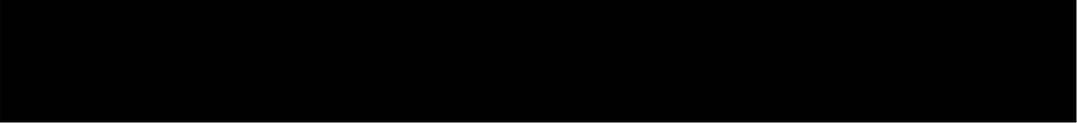




To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: DRAFT STROUD DISTRICT PLAN CONSULTATION

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Thank you for your draft Plan. In summary I agree with the main thrust of your proposals, but do have considerable concerns on some aspect. I do not want the District to be covered over with concrete – brown land first – and do question why so many more houses are need. Many have already been built.

I would like to provide the following concerns on the latest draft SDC District Plan:

- a. The document is far too long for the normal person and fails to summarises the main recommendations in a succinct form.
- b. I do not agree with the proposal for houses north west of Lawns Park. There is no proper access and it will ruin the village. Land by the A46 in North Woodchester is already being developed for housing.
- c. I do not want Gloucestershire to become overdeveloped. For example, I object most strongly to the recent outline planning approval of greenfield land by SDC of the football stadium proposed by Forest Green Rovers by the M5. This is not in the Local Plan and the decision should be made by the Secretary of State for the Environment not SDC. This makes a mockery of local democracy – such as this Consultation. The Approval must be recalled as requested by our new MP.
- d. Your draft Plan does not make any reference from what I can see of the Government's Climate Emergency issued this Summer. Your draft Plan is therefore flawed in this aspect and should be completely reviewed to take this new guideline into account.
- e. I do not support an new village at Wisloe. I support the Sharpness development and this should be expanded to take into account the removal of Wisloe from the Plan.
- f. The protection of the AONB and all Green Belt land and Common land is vital. This protection does not come across in your draft Plan.
- g. I am disappointed that your Plan fails to address the environmental benefits of the railway network. Cam and Dursley reopened station has been a great success and the car park needs expanding. There is no mention of reopening Stonehouse Bristol Road station (or local equivalent) to take commuter and leisure traffic bound for Bristol and the south west off the busy A419 and M5.
- h. I welcome a reopened main line railway station (Berkley Road) to serve Sharpness, but why is there no mention as far as I can see of reopening the Sharpness railway which is still open for freight or supporting the heritage railway which aim to operate the line? This is a major failure in your draft Plan.
- i. I understand Gloucestershire County Council will be issuing a rail strategy for consultation this month. Can you please ensure this important document (when agreed) feeds into your draft Plan.

Can you please confirm my submission will be taken into account.

Many thanks

