

Stroud District Local Plan Early Engagement



Workshop report: East Cluster Group

The Sub Rooms, Stroud, 21st July 2026

Introduction to the workshop programme

Stroud District Council commenced work on its new Local Plan in June 2026 and is aiming to meet the Government's 'Gateway 1' target by 31st October. At the very beginning of the plan-making process, the Government asks local authorities to carry out some **early scoping consultation**. This is a first step which gives residents, businesses, community groups, landowners, and statutory bodies an opportunity to shape the priorities, issues and vision for the plan, before any strategy options or sites are looked at. Feedback from this stage is used to build a community engagement strategy and to inform subsequent drafts, visions, and spatial strategies.

This report presents the findings of the **"East Cluster Workshop"** - one of a series of area-based and thematic early engagement workshops, convened by Stroud District Council's Local Plans team and led by Resources for Change (R4C), to support the Council's new Local Plan Review. The workshops sought to gather local knowledge and insights from community leaders and stakeholders, with a view to identifying at an early stage the key issues and opportunities for future development in Stroud District. A central objective for the workshop programme was to build relationships between council officers, elected members, communities and other stakeholders at the outset of the plan-making process.

The workshops were targeted to key stakeholders and elected representatives; they were not open to the general public. These workshops formed one part of a wider public engagement and Early Scoping Consultation period during summer 2026.

Important note:

It was made clear to all workshop attendees that participants would not be held to any of the views they might express on the day. All exercises and activities were designed to encourage critical thought and two-way open discussion. Participants were invited to take time to reflect on any insights gained or concerns raised through the workshop process and were encouraged to also provide a separate formal response to the Early Scoping Consultation. Council officers were comfortable that formal responses submitted either before or after the workshops might differ from outputs generated during the workshop itself.

The East Cluster workshop

The **East cluster workshop** was one of three area-specific workshops, focusing principally on the east of the district (communities within the **Stroud valleys** and the cluster of surrounding **Cotswold** parishes).

Representatives of town and parish councils in this 'cluster' area were invited, as well as the elected members of Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council, that represent communities in this part of the district (see table below).

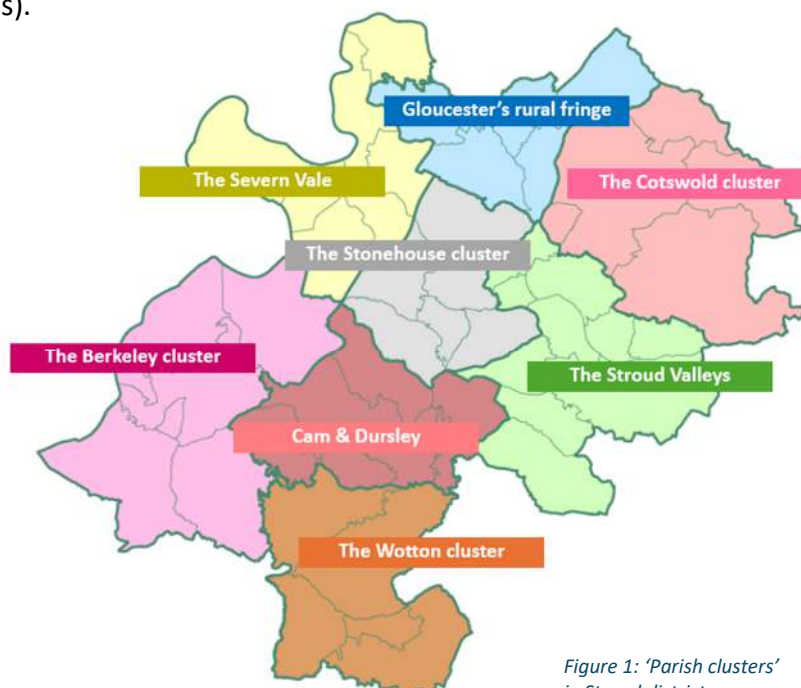


Figure 1: 'Parish clusters' in Stroud district

Invitees:

Stroud Valleys parishes	Stroud Valleys wards (SDC)	County Divisions (GCC)
Brimscombe & Thrupp	Amberley & Woodchester	Minchinhampton
Cainscross	Cainscross	Nailsworth
Chalford	Chalford	Rodborough
Horsley	Minchinhampton	Stroud Central
Minchinhampton	Nailsworth	Bisley and Painswick
Nailsworth	Randwick, Whiteshill & Ruscombe	Haresfield & Upton St Leonards
Randwick & Westrip	Rodborough	
Rodborough	Stroud Central	
Stroud Town	Stroud Farmhill & Paganhill	
Whiteshill & Ruscombe	Stroud Slade	
	Stroud Trinity	
Woodchester	Stroud Uplands	
	Stroud Valley	
	Thrupp	
Cotswold cluster of parishes	Cotswold cluster wards (SDC)	County Divisions (GCC)
Bisley-with-Lypiatt	Bisley	Bisley and Painswick
Cranham	Painswick & Upton (part)	Haresfield & Upton St Leonards
Miserden		
Painswick		
Pitchcombe		

An attendance list for this session is included at the end of this report (and appended to the main Summary Report).

Introduction to this report: purpose and content

There are three main audiences for this report:

1. The participants who attended the workshop, providing them with a record of the outputs and to support their ongoing engagement with the development of the Stroud District Local Plan.
2. Officers and members of Stroud District Council, principally the Local Plans Team, providing them with a summary of key outputs to help steer their future work in developing a vision, objectives and strategy options for the emerging Local Plan.
3. The wider public, stakeholders, partners and the Planning Inspectorate. This report will be published at Gateway 1, to help evidence that the council has undertaken early engagement activities and scoping consultation, in accordance with Government guidance.

The presentation on the new Local Plan has been previously shared but is also included as an annexe to this report.

Report content and workshop structure

This report provides a summary of the participative sessions that produced:

- Activity 1: Taking the temperature – participants completed post it notes with:
 - What do you like and value about the District of Stroud?
 - What would you like to see change?
 - What would you not like to see change / lose?
- Activity 2: A visioning word cloud exercise (online and on paper)
- Activity 3: A series of SWOT analyses for four growth scenarios
 - Proportionally dispersed growth (spreading development equitably between all towns and villages across the district)
 - Main settlements focus (focussing development in and around towns and the larger villages)
 - Infrastructure-led growth (linking development to where infrastructure providers consider most sustainable to be improved)
 - Strategic growth locations (planning larger new developments or extensions such as garden villages)
- Activity 4: Spatial / geographical overview activity – taking a birds eye view of the district and your area to identify opportunities to tackle “issues” and capture “ideas” for the future under five categories:

- Housing (yellow)
- Environment (green)
- Transport (purple)
- Community and well-being (red)
- Employment and education (blue)

Activity 5: Locations for new homes – group activity to identify where new homes could be best situated to meet the district’s projected new housing target of 12,000 homes over a 15 year period (based on a current requirement of 846 dwellings per year). This activity was carried out either by cluster group and / or at a district level

- Next steps – how to stay involved

Transcript report

Activity 1: Taking the temperature

A post-it note activity. Participants were asked to think about three things: what do you like and value about Stroud district (and particularly this part of the district)? what would you like to see change over the next 10-15 years? and what would you like to keep the same / not change? They were then invited to write their initial ideas down to test the “temperature in the room” or what is hot or not in Stroud District in the present. These were personal and individual responses, not shaped by group discussion. Facilitators grouped the post-it comments thematically on a display board.

Q: What do you like and value about the district of Stroud?

Theme	Liked / Valued Feature
Environment	Unity of local landscape & access. Plentiful natural wildlife. Commons. Nature - life, beauty. Green space. The natural environment. Stroud Green Spaces. Quality of the Landscape / Green Space. Green areas to be kept. The green environment. Like beautiful landscape variety of places to live. Not dying because of carbon pollution. The way settlement is surrounded by green space. The AONB [Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – now National Landscape]. Open spaces. Natural ecosystems. Wonderful landscape, and recognition of the area’s heritage.
Housing and Planning	Canal. Woodland, rural character & traditional buildings. Main [service centres] (Stone, etc.). Green spaces here / the buildings. Protect the commons. Small town feeling. The historical connections & the areas / buildings. The canal - needs to work.
Community and Health	Value culture + people. Culture & environment. Like the creativity of Stroud District. Community local pubs / organisations. Communities. Community based lifestyles - facilities. Community Hubs. Churches.
Education and Employment	Accessibility to jobs / schools / transport. Gift shops. Local shops.

Table 1: Like and value about the district of Stroud? Sorted by theme

Q: What would you like to see change?

Theme	Requested Change
Housing and Planning	More homes at social rent. Use empty houses. Derelict buildings. Brownfield sites brought into use for housing. Accelerate site development. Affordable housing. More affordable for low impact development. Council housing / housing for young people. More genuinely affordable homes. More homes with green space. Single level... aging population... town. Brownfield first. More proactive attitude to sites. Housing with natural shading: vines, trees, moss, water fountains built into the developments. Nature based cooling solutions / Indian designs in buildings.
Transport	Transport / affordable public... Transport accessibility. Traffic / less traffic on the roads please. Less cars / traffic / access. Public transport to connect communities. Public transport - better, more, fewer cars. Support for urban and peri-urban centre roads.
Community and Health	More options for young people. More community managed outdoor / built spaces. Want Youth provision for young adolescents / young adults. Physical education provision. Arts & culture. Community-built for large settlements. Specific provision for girls in play spaces.
Environment	Non-polluting environment / identity. Access to nature. Nature recovery. Water storage and usage.

Table 2: Like to see change, sorted by theme

Q: What would you not like to see change / lose?

Theme	Item Not to Lose / No Change
Environment	Don't want to lose nature. Don't want people to die, because of carbon pollution. The commons (green space). Green spaces. Protected green spaces and management. No reduction in green spaces - protect them. Nature - protect present richness. Want to protect green spaces + biodiversity. Wellbeing & health / biodiversity habitat. Open spaces, green spaces. Native corridors...
Housing and Planning	Don't want any long empty homes. Keep focus (and increase) social affordable housing. Greenfield housing. Supplement boundary Stroud. Build over car parks / Keep car parks... Want council to retain council homes. Local character of buildings & historical / non-listed sites. Don't lose the industrial heritage. Rural character, richness. Green / Town...

Community and Health	Sense of community. Stroud Maternity [unit]. Sports facilities.
Education and Employment	Employment sites. Local Jobs.
Transport	No new roads.
Multi-Theme / General	Not like to lose: local shops, open space, heritage.

Table 3: Not like to see change / lose, sorted by theme

Activity 2: Visioning word cloud exercise (online and on paper)

Participants were invited to write key words or short phrases to describe Stroud District in 2040 (the approximate life of the new plan).

The larger the words appear in the “word cloud” the more frequently they were written. Some participants chose to write their suggestions on post it notes rather than using the Mentimeter online tool, so their words and phrases did not appear on the screen (nor in the word cloud image generated on the day). However, their contributions have been included in the tally of words and phrases set out below and in Annex 8.1 of the Main report.

Here are the Mentimeter results for the South cluster workshop:

Stroud in 2040 will be ...



Figure 2: ‘Mentimeter’ word-cloud generated at the East cluster workshop.

Here are the results for those people completing on post-it notes:

- Rural
- Connected
- Flourishing ecosystem
- Canal connected
- Regenerated brownfield sites
- Efficient transport links to employment locations
- Increased availability for green space nature
- Biodiversity
- Affordable housing
- Climate resistant
- Safe
- Accessible
- Kind
- Connected

An additional comment was left: “Great Oldbury is a classic example of developer led development. PLEASE not more of the same.”

A combined word cloud has been created from all of the workshops, which is included in the Main workshops report.

Activity 3: A series of SWOT analyses for four growth scenarios

At their tables, each group was asked to contribute their ideas or concerns to a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis written onto a flip chart sheet which were recorded by a facilitator at each table.

Scenario A: Proportionally dispersed growth

Spreading development equitably between all towns and villages across the district.

Strengths	Weaknesses
Create more local demand for services	Disaster - flooding
Sustainability	Lack of infrastructure, roads, services, schools, health
Could encourage young people to move older demographics	Introducing development in areas with zero services - pressure on non-development sectors eg agriculture
No community left behind / everyone shares the pain	Some settlements can/don't have space to grow
Fair!	Less opportunity on small developments for innovation
Lots of locally skilled builders able to do non-traditional construction	More expensive to build a couple of houses, than larger developers
Stroud College train retro-fitting skills	Developers may not make a profit / want to build
Some council housing	Won't hit 'whole development' aspiration
Enable small / medium developer opportunities	Every settlement will be spoiled by development
People can stay near family	Viability of small developments, including fees / charges
Cashes Green development – good example on brownfield – done well	Settlement boundaries constrain this currently
	Not commercially viable to improve infrastructure eg sewage, gas, transport
	More commuters - roads & traffic can't handle
	Not strategic enough to have a vision

	Shifting demographic towards older people who can afford these houses
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Table 4: Not like to see change / lose – Strengths and Weaknesses

Opportunities	Threats
Being more innovative in design in sensitive areas eg build underground / car parking, 'hobbit houses'. Pre-fab homes (timber)	Developers want to maximise profits + are less interested in innovation
Different forms of affordable housing eg co-operative, shared-ownership	Public discontent
Community energy schemes / off-grid	Perceived threat for local communities
Self sufficient	Lose BNG (Biodiversity Net Gain), affordable housing with current constraints
Sewage treatment	Increased pressure on roads, internet, + other services
Derelict / listed buildings - unused / under used	Connectivity is vital
Revive local schools through influx of young people	Rural isolation where there are no services
Design could complement / enhance existing settlements	Value / sense of community of original settlement
Supported living meeting local needs	Fewer affordable homes if < threshold
Community-led co-operative housing - community more involved / decisions	Not enough local / tradesmen to do this
Needs to be a combination of options	Keep limited scale only
Self-build opportunities / Community Land Trusts	NOT a single option solution
Control Airbnb cottage growth - as starting point	Condition of developing locally
More affordable housing, smaller	Need more control
Need 1/2 bed houses	
Multiple occupation buildings / inter-generational	

Opportunities	Threats
More people working from home	
Strengthening Neighbourhood Plans status - reflected in local plan	
Local builders / employment – compete re design - ethical developers	

Table 5: Not like to see change / lose - opportunities and threats

Scenario B: Main settlements focus

Focussing development in and around towns and the larger villages. The group identified the following as main settlements: Stroud, Dursley, Cam, Wotton, Stonehouse and Nailsworth

Strengths	Weaknesses
Infrastructure exists	Infrastructure overloaded, sewage
Transport - rail	Villages lose...
Protects villages & rural areas	Towns too big
Employment available	Sub-urbanism
Social housing easier to deliver (?)	Majority of social housing developments quite developed already
You already have a community + will integrate	Some issues associated with concentrating social housing in areas
Strengthen cultural life ie Sub Rooms	Can lead to ASB, other problems
Existing buildings that have become redundant - can be re-purposed	Major settlements are already quite constrained + some are in the national landscape - Stroud + Wotton
These areas are used to a bit of churn	Not enough existing settlements for parking - lack of
Need to think more creatively about building higher + having multiple uses in one building ie "a skate park in the basement"	Conservation area policies are too rigid
Supports existing / new community spaces	Could / Will development meet demand?
Community housing / shared facilities + different age groups	Not much greenspace in the town centres or play areas
	Are we making sure CIL is allocated / coming from big developers...

Table 6: Main settlements focus - strengths and weaknesses

Opportunities	Threats
Infrastructure: expand railway increasing London access potential. Housing for	Infrastructure focus might move to Gloucester + Cheltenham corridor under Unitary Authority (LGR)

Opportunities	Threats
older people near services + shops nr. town centres	
Protect rural areas: put people closer to transport hubs. Possible more social/council housing as realistically deliverable (<i>more sustainable on larger sites</i>)	Onion skin - more + more layers of development - further from the centre
Maximise use / regeneration of brownfield sites	Birth rates low: could make smaller areas less sustainable over time? Increasing traffic in the towns. May impact smaller communities & their resources - lose out
Sense of Community if co-designed with locals well	Difficulty in providing sufficient services (or existing services coping - water, flooding, traffic/roads)
Developing new urban villages / quarters within towns: Modular development could be cheaper. Mill style mid-rise buildings (innovation). Can be quicker to deliver. Can cater better to demand (tenure types vary)	Developer led development can be unimaginative + may not meet needs of the community.
Repurpose existing buildings - offices, mills + factories + above shops	Sense of Community can be lacking if too developer-led
Listed buildings - derelict convent, old schools, churches	Modular development: design issues as can be too monotone
More social housing distributed across the district	Including people in an area that already has a culture + facilities + might feel they may be losing these or a sense of identity.
There is a community that is supported / supports people	May get ghettos / concentrations of particular groups
Young people more likely to live near in a town	Pushing employment sites to the edge.
	Can lead to gentrification

Table 7: Main settlements focus - opportunities and threats

Scenario C: Infrastructure-led growth

Linking development to where infrastructure providers consider most sustainable to can be improved

Strengths	Weaknesses
More diverse community	Infrastructure led is not connected because infrastructure not connected
Keeps communities alive: schools aren't full in all communities	Concentrate development so areas further away die
Putting development with easy access to transport hubs	Infrastructure in wrong place (sometimes)
People can walk to infrastructure	Don't have much choice about positioning such limited infrastructure
Employment – more opportunities	If something relies on infrastructure it is a huge investment + takes a long time
Don't end up with developments that have nothing (isolated developments)	Infrastructure not always under local authority control
Keep jobs local	Infrastructure - a lot of it controlled by outside forces
People really like infrastructure	Private developers not interested in creating cohesion – who campaigns for infrastructure?
Strengthens local businesses	Can infrastructure cope?
Builds communities	Not easy to force developers to upgrade infrastructure
Everyone wants to be close to health care facilities	Roads & flooding (costly)
Efficiency – easier & cheaper to build	Creates a need for large settlements for economies of scale for new infrastructure
Infrastructure led – others in the community will benefit from new infrastructure	Build close to infrastructure puts house prices up – no affordable housing
Good for reducing traffic on rural roads	Infrastructure already overloaded or becomes overloaded with new development
Build close to infrastructure puts house prices up - no affordable housing	

Strengths	Weaknesses
Less disruptive / expansion of urban area that is already urban: suits different types of people; possible better tenure types	

Table 8: Infrastructure-led growth - strengths and weaknesses

Opportunities	Threats
Putting development with[in] easy access to transport hubs	Get cluster around new develop[ment] - existing infrastructure gets overwhelmed – no new infrastructure
More people living in fewer areas	If places are too crowded no one wants to live there
More opportunities for a richer cultural life	Lose access to green space if there is overdevelopment in an infrastructure heavy area
Revive town centres – make more use of existing buildings that are not in residential use (mills, flats above shops)	Infrastructure may go away
More + better public transport	Infrastructure not connected
Develop canal - brings in tourism	Not planning for climate change
Infrastructure led development could boost community hubs	Surface run off + risk of flooding could lead to community division
Define basic level of infrastructure we can't do without and what we need	Which infrastructure are you led by?
Put new sustainable infrastructure where there is available land that leads to new development	No compulsion to finish building once they have started
Should be an overall long term plan for infrastructure that is kept to	

Fantastic opportunity to develop infrastructure	
If the plan is infrastructure led it may tie in better with neighbouring authorities	
Force developers to improve infrastructure	
Developments should become cheaper	
Makes a good mix of housing	

Table 9: Infrastructure-led growth - opportunities and threats

Scenario D: Strategic growth locations

Planning larger new developments or extensions such as garden villages

Strengths	Weaknesses
Infrastructure cash from developers	Unpopular with near communities (minority comment)
Less disruptive to existing communities	Not sufficient capacity to enforce planning
New + up to date infrastructure	Landscape impact
Sustainable community	Not completed / delivered
Planning / Strategic planning	Limited geographic scope
Planning - blank sheet of paper	No jobs to support population
Follow best practice	No development elsewhere across district
Easy option	No new services in existing towns / villages
Cohesive planning	Lack of integration
Traffic management in existing areas	Not using brownfield sites
	Less diversity of ages
	Flood risk
	Lack of existing community

Table 10: Strategic growth locations - strengths and weaknesses

Opportunities	Threats
Create services / infrastructure in line with development	Potential poorly phased infrastructure
Schools, GP's / Hospitals, Transportation hub / Parkway station (?), Sports facilities	Homogenised housing - no heritage
Designed green spaces / green infrastructure design	Lack of green spaces
Allotments	Lack of organic community
Food security	Impact of traffic in other communities
Designed for 21st century lifestyle	Flood risk
New services for neighbouring communities	Heavily reliant on private developers

Opportunities	Threats
Carbon neutral / negative	If built in one go, everything reaches maintenance schedules at the same time, a longer term pressure
Can it be an ideal	Build up not out
Community energy projects	
Car free development	
Invite key businesses for employment opportunities	
Smaller sub communities	
Accessible housing	
Houses for all ages / mix	
New community identity / pride	
House for life	

Table 11: Strategic growth locations - opportunities and threats

Activity 4: Issues and ideas (map based)

A spatial / geographical overview activity.

Participants were invited to take a birds eye view of the district and their area and place “issues” and “ideas” flags on maps. Each flag was recorded by frequency and location.



Figure 2: Environment and housing issues and housing location suggestions for Eastern cluster

The full set of results from this workshop are in the annexe to this report (Activity 4: issues and ideas). They have been sorted by theme in alphabetical order.

These were the most frequently recurring issues and ideas at the East workshop:

Top Recurring Issues & Ideas

Theme	Issue / Idea	Locations Mentioned	Combined Frequency
Housing	Need for social housing	Hunts Grove, Painswick, Stonehouse, Highfield (Stroud), Upton St Leonards	5
Transport	Need to improve bus routes / links	Ebley, Box, Nympsfield, Box (Page 8)	4
Community / Education	More facilities / employment for young people	Cam, Wotton under Edge, Nupend, Nailsworth, District, Stroud, Upton St Leonards	4
Transport	Need to improve train station	Cam + Dursley Station (Count: 3), Sharpness/Berkeley, Stroud	3
Education & Employment	Refurbishing existing industrial spaces	Brimscombe, Stroud (Count: 2), Woodchester	3
Education & Employment	Opportunities for tourism development	Stroud, Ryeford, Tinkley Farm	3
Housing	Opportunity for live / work units	Forest Green, Stroud (Count: 2), Thrupp	3
Education & Employment	Too many fast food takeaways	District, Stroud (Count: 2)	3

Table 12: Top Recurring Issues & Ideas

Location-Specific Entries with Higher Frequency Counts

Specific Location	Theme	Issue / Idea	Total Frequency
Cam + Dursley Station	Transport	Need to improve train station	3
Stroud	Community	Create a dementia friendly space here	2
Stroud	Community	Poor mobile coverage / digital	2

Stroud	Employment	Too many takeaways / fast food outlets	2
Stroud	Housing	Potential to convert vacant buildings into homes	2
		Industrial spaces need to be refurbished	2
		Opportunity for new live / work units	
District-wide	Community	Isolation is a big issue	2
Painswick	Transport	Need to bypass	2

Table 13: Location-Specific Entries with Higher Frequency Counts

Activity 5: Locations for new homes

Group activity encouraged participants to consider the challenge of delivering 12,000 homes in a district that is constrained by both geographical factors and national policy requirements. This exercise was carried out using large maps and involved participants discussing and placing purple tokens (representing 1000 homes) or yellow/red tokens (representing 50 homes) in locations where they felt there was potential for growth and development. Tokens could be stacked to create larger developments.

This activity was not designed to be 'easy' or even 'achievable'. The purpose of the exercise was to get participants thinking and talking about factors that shape a development strategy, to listen to other participants' perspectives and consider broad impacts, not just local issues.

So while the numerical and locational data is interesting, the most significant outputs were the discussion points that cropped up.

- The group felt they needed specific local knowledge to site homes.
- How do we know what to build if we don't understand the demographics or demand?
- Cashes Green's hospital development site as an exemplar community land trust with modern build, high density housing.
- How do we engage with the less involved?
- Suggestion to engage with Stroud Youth Voice.

District wide: thinking strategically

Participants were presented with a map of the whole district and 12 tiddly-wink tokens, each of which represented 1,000 homes. They were asked to consider how they might distribute those 12,000 homes across the whole district:

Location	Numbers	Parish cluster	
Berkeley	1000	Berkeley	South cluster
South of Ham	1000	Berkeley	South cluster
Sharpness	3000	Berkeley	South cluster
Hinton	1000	Berkeley	South cluster
Cambridge	1000	Berkeley	South cluster
Whitminster	3000	Severn vale	North cluster
Whaddon	1000	Gloucester's fringe	North cluster
Total	11000		

Table 144: Whole district housing location suggestions

Participants at this workshop placed 11 tokens (representing up to 11,000 homes). These were at 7 locations, mostly in the south of the district. All locations are outside the Cotswold National Landscape (which dominates much of the eastern side of Stroud district)

Eastern cluster: in our own backyard

Participants were also asked to consider the distribution of smaller developments / housing growth on a more local basis (focusing more specifically on the south of the district), thinking about opportunities, needs and constraints in and around their communities.

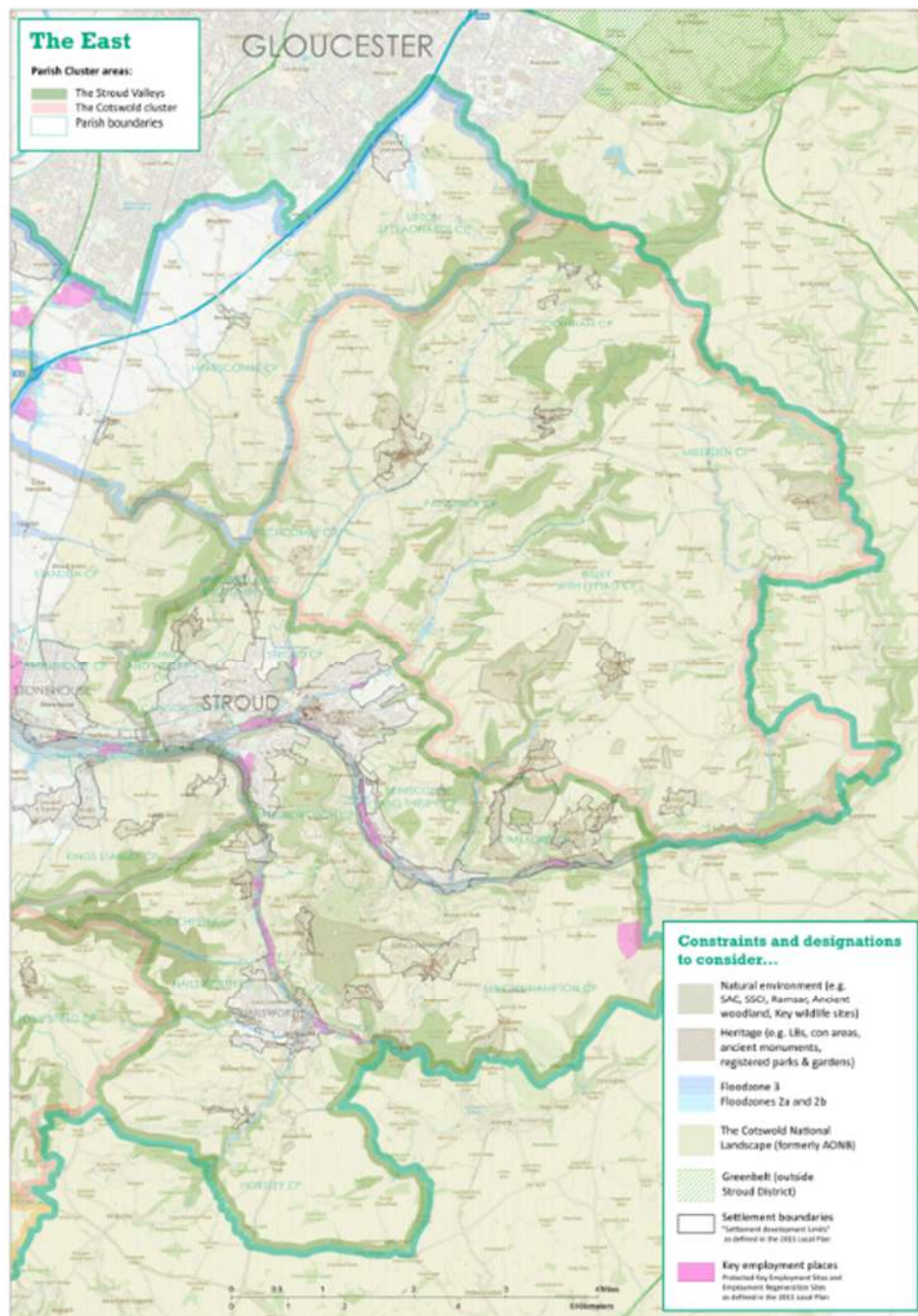


Figure 3: This activity focused more specifically on the east of the district.

Participants also had access to tokens that represented smaller developments of 50 dwellings. Again, tokens could be stacked to create larger developments. Participants were not given any overall minimum or maximum target for this task, but an approximate equal 'share' of the overall 12,000 target would be around 4,000 new homes. (counters up to the total value of 12,000 were available).

Although the task was centred on the parishes lying within this eastern cluster group, parishes outside the east cluster were also visible on the map that was used. The east workshop participants suggested that the following locations may have development potential:

Location	Numbers	Parish cluster	
Aston Down	2000	Stroud valleys	East cluster
Brimscombe	1000	Stroud valleys	East cluster
The Camp	50	Cotswold	East cluster
Stroud in-fill	300	Stroud valleys	East cluster
Nailsworth	150	Stroud valleys	East cluster
King Stanley	100	Stonehouse	North cluster
Total	3600		

Table 155: Eastern cluster group housing location suggestions

This includes 3,500 at locations within the parishes of the east cluster; and 100 at Kings Stanley, which is outside the east cluster area.

Appendix

Activity 4 – Issues and ideas: full results

Participants were invited to take a birds eye view of the district and your area and place “issues” and “ideas” flags on maps. Each flag was recorded by frequency and location.

Table 166: Issues and ideas - all

Theme	Location	Issue / idea	Frequency
Community	Wotton under Edge	More facilities for young people	1
Community	Dursley	Opportunity to create a new museum or gallery	1
Community	Outside Cam	Good location for comm theatre	1
Community	Draycott	Create a new GP facility	1
Community	Nupend	Good location for community hub / library	1
Community	Nupend	More facilities for young people	1
Community	Nupend	New GP facility here	1
Community	Stonehouse	Extend existing GP facilities	1
Community	Stonehouse	New Community hub / library	1
Community	Stonehouse	Community cohesion is an issue here.	1
Community	Stroud	Create a dementia friendly space here	2
Community	Stroud	More facilities for young people here	1
Community	Stroud	Cemetery capacity issue	1
Community	Horsley	Steepness makes it difficult for people to walk / cycle	1
Community	Nailsworth	More facilities for young people here	1
Community	Minchinhampton	Cemetery capacity is an issue	1

Theme	Location	Issue / idea	Frequency
Community	Upton St Leonards	More spaces for community use	1
Community	Upton St Leonards	More facilities for young people here	1
Community	Upton St Leonards	Antisocial behaviour is a big issue	1
Community	District-wide	Need for better mental health provision	1
Community	District-wide	Isolation is a big issue	2
Community	District-wide	Steepness makes it difficult to walk / cycle	1
Community	Stroud	Poor mobile coverage / digital	2
Education and Employment	Cam	Young people need more employment opportunities	1
Education and Employment	Cambridge	Large scale industrial units	1
Education and Employment	Moreton Valence	Good location for new hotel	1
Education and Employment	District-wide	Young people need more employment opportunities	1
Education and Employment	District-wide	Too many fast food takeaways	1
Education and Employment	Minchinhampton	Poor mobile coverage / digital connectivity	1
Education and Employment	Brimscombe	Industrial spaces to be refurbished	1
Education and Employment	Thrupp	Loss / decline of village services	1
Education and Employment	Nailsworth	Good location for more restaurants + bars	1
Education and Employment	Nailsworth	Empty shops an issue here	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	Opportunities for tourism development	1

Theme	Location	Issue / idea	Frequency
Education and Employment	Stroud	Good location for new hotel	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	Empty shops an issue	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	Encourage more variety of retail uses	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	Need for affordable workspace	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	Young people need more employment opportunities.	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	Further education facilities need to be extended	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	Too many takeaways / fast food outlets	2
Education and Employment	Stroud	Industrial spaces need to be refurbished	2
Education and Employment	Stroud	More early years places	1
Education and Employment	Stroud	More conference facilities	1
Education and Employment	Ryeford	Opportunity for tourism development	1
Education and Employment	Woodchester	Existing industrial spaces need to be refurbished	1
Education and Employment	Woodchester	Poor mobile / digital coverage	1
Education and Employment	Tinkley Farm	Opportunity for tourism development	1
Environment	Minchinhampton	Heritage asset @ risk	1
Environment	Minchinhampton	Strategic green space	1
Environment	Brimscombe	Need to improve public areas	1
Environment	Thrupp	Opportunity to clean up land	1

Theme	Location	Issue / idea	Frequency
Environment	Brimscombe	Opportunity to create better links with canal	1
Environment	Horsley	Important site for nature conservation	1
Environment	Horsley	Need to protect historic + unique character	1
Environment	Horsley	Important strategic green space / path	1
Environment	Nailsworth	Good location solar energy generation	1
Environment	Watledge (Nailsworth)	Important strategic green space	1
Environment	Woodchester	Opportunity for more water sports opportunities	1
Environment	Woodchester	Important site for nature conservation	1
Environment	Woodchester	Heritage asset @ risk here	1
Environment	Selsley Common	Great location for community event / festival	1
Environment	Selsley Common	Opportunity to create new sports leisure facility	1
Environment	Amberley	Important strategic green space / park	1
Environment	Minchinhampton	Need to protect this area for unique character	1
Environment	Minchinhampton	Important heritage asset here	1
Environment	Minchinhampton	Important site for nature conservation	1
Environment	Cainscross	Important Strategic Green Space	1
Environment	Stroud	Great location for comm. event / festival	1
Environment	Stroud	Opportunity to create landmark building	1

Theme	Location	Issue / idea	Frequency
Environment	Rodborough	Opportunity for allotments	1
Environment	Butterrow	Create better links with canal	1
Environment	Eastcombe	Solar farms a threat	1
Environment	Epney	Good location for solar energy generation.	1
Housing	Hunts Grove	Need for social housing here	1
Housing	Brimscombe	Good location for waterside housing development	1
Housing	Brimscombe	Urban camp travellers (need land here)	1
Housing	Brimscombe	Opportunity for council Hse building	1
Housing	Aston Down	Potential for new garden village / town here	1
Housing	Painswick	Need for social housing here	1
Housing	Whiteway	Location for potential for self custom build housing	1
Housing	Whaddon	Opportunity for small scale urban extension	1
Housing	Forest Green	Opportunity for live work units	1
Housing	Woodchester	Location for self build custom built housing	1
Housing	Minchinhampton	2nd homes big issue here	1
Housing	Stonehouse	Need for social housing here	1
Housing	Cainscross	Need for social housing here / more housing for older people	1
Housing	Cainscross	Potential for regeneration area	1
Housing	Cainscross	More student housing	1
Housing	Highfield (Stroud)	Need for social housing	1
Housing	Stroud	Potential for high rise development	1

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Housing	Stroud	More starter homes needed	1
Housing	Cainscross	Potential site for travelling show people.	1
Housing	Stroud	Potential to convert vacant buildings into homes.	2
Housing	Stroud	Opportunity for new live / work units	2
Housing	Stroud	Opportunity for council house building	1
Housing	Thrupp	Canal boats.	1
Housing	Thrupp	Opportunity for new live / work units	1
Housing	The Camp	Travellers – need for	1
Housing	Upton St Leonards	Potential for high density housing.	1
Housing	Upton St Leonards	Opportunity for council houses	1
Housing	Upton St Leonards	Need for social housing	1
Transport	Sharpness / Berkeley	Opportunity for new train station	1
Transport	Draycott	Need to improve cycle links	1
Transport	Cam + Dursley	Opportunity to introduce electric cycle hire facility here	1
Transport	Horsley	Roads are dangerous / unsafe	1
Transport	Nymphsfield	Wind energy generation	1
Transport	Windsoredge	Congestion issue here	1
Transport	Minchinhampton	Car parking big issue here	1
Transport	Aston Down	HGV movements are issue here	1
Transport	Ebley	Improve bus routes	1
Transport	Stroud (nr Highfield)	This junction needs improving	1
Transport	Stroud	Improve train station	1

Theme	Location	Issue / idea	Frequency
Transport	Moreton Valence	Good location to despatch council vehicles from	1
Transport	Box	Need to improve bus routes	1
Transport	Wotton under Edge	Need to improve walking links	1
Transport	Dursley	Congestion is an issue	1
Transport	Cam + Dursley Station	Need to improve train station	3
Transport	Nympsfield	Need to improve bus routes to this location	1
Transport	Horsley	Congestion is an issue	1
Transport	Nailsworth	More charging for electric vehicles	1
Transport	Box	Need to improve bus routes to this location	1
Transport	Minchinhampton	Opportunity for pedal + park site	1
Transport	Stroud	Opportunity for park + ride	1
Transport	Stroud	Roads dangerous + unsafe (near Highfield)	1
Transport	Stonehouse	Open up rail line to Bristol	1
Transport	J.13 – M5	Needs improving	1
Transport	Painswick	Need to bypass	2

Table 17: Issues and ideas: full results

Attendees at this workshop

21st July 2026: EAST workshop

(focus on the Stroud valleys and the surrounding Cotswold parishes):

Name	Organisation
Cliff Christie	Nailsworth Town Council
Bill Harvey	Brimscombe & Thrupp Parish Council
Cllr Chloe Turner	Stroud District Council for Minchinhampton Ward & Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Elizabeth Stanley	Stroud District Council for Cainscross Ward
Cllr Martin Brown	Stroud District Council for Bisley Ward
Cllr Steve Robinson	Stroud District Council for Nailsworth Ward / Nailsworth Town Council
Cllr Cate James-Hodges	Stroud District Council for Stroud Central Ward
Colleen Rothwell	Nailsworth Town Council
Cllr Martin Pearcey	Stroud District Council for Coaley & Uley Ward / Coaley Parish Council
Pippa Schwartz	Minchinhampton Parish Council
Nick Hurst	Minchinhampton Parish Council
Cllr Cath Moore	Stroud District Council for Stroud Uplands Ward
Katharine McNealey	Woodchester Parish Council
Robert Tyler	Brimscombe & Thrupp Parish Council
Louise Gerrard	Rodborough Parish Council
Cllr Lucas Schoemaker	Stroud District Council for Stroud Trinity Ward / Stroud Town Council / Stroud Commonwealth
Cllr Tricia Watson	Stroud District Council
Seb Howells	Horsley Parish Council
Cllr Maggie Dutton	Stroud District Council for Nailsworth Ward
Cllr Natalie Rothwell-Warn	Stroud District Council for Stroud Slade Ward & Gloucestershire County Council
Alison Robinson	Stroud Town Council

Name	Organisation
Tom Fearne	Stroud District Council (planning officer)
Cllr Helen Elliot Boulton	Stroud District Council for Brimscombe & Thrupp Ward

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