



## Stroud Local Plan (2026) - Early Scoping Consultation

Stroud District Council is preparing a new Local Plan to guide development in the District over the next 15–20 years. This early consultation seeks your views on the priorities, challenges and overall direction of the new plan. At this stage, we are not consulting on detailed policies or site allocations. Instead, we are asking for your views on the key issues, potential approaches to growth, and what the plan should contain.

The responses to this consultation will help shape the Sustainability Appraisal, which is being carried out alongside the Local Plan. The Sustainability Appraisal is a key part of the plan-making process. It is done in stages and is used to look at the environmental, social and economic effects of the proposed approach, as well as other reasonable options, to make sure the Plan supports sustainable development.

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- If you have any questions about the survey or would like us to email the documents to you, please email [local.plan@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@stroud.gov.uk)
- Alternatively, you can also call our Customer Contact team on 01453 766321.
- If you have any questions about the survey or consultation at the council more broadly, please email [local.plan@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@stroud.gov.uk).
- **The deadline to provide feedback is 11PM Sunday 9th August 2026.**

**Required \***

## Section 1 – Personal details

1. First name \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Last name \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Organisation (if applicable)

Click or tap here to enter text.

4. If you responding on behalf of someone please state who

Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Email \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Postcode \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

## Section 2 – Confirmation

7. Please confirm that you have read the consultation document before completing this response form \*

Yes, I have read the consultation document

No

## Section 3 – Priorities

8. What should be the key priorities for the new Local Plan? \*

(Focus on overall priorities, not locations for development)

Delivering new homes (including affordable housing)

Supporting the local economy and job creation

Addressing climate change and sustainability

Protecting the countryside and natural environment

Improving infrastructure (transport, healthcare, schools)

- Supporting town and village centres
- Enhancing design and place-making
- Supporting rural communities
- Supporting healthy and active communities
- Other – please specify

Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Section 4 – Vision for the district**

9. What sort of places should Stroud District aim to create, develop or protect over the next 15-20 years?

(For example, you may want to think about the character of places; the local economy and job opportunities; transport and connectivity; access to services and facilities; the natural environment; and opportunities for recreation and community life. Please consider both current and future generations, including the needs of children and young people). \*

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#### **Section 5 – Spatial distribution of development**

The Council will prioritise brownfield land where possible. However, this will not be sufficient to meet development needs, (new homes, employment or open space), so additional land will be required. This will involve balancing environmental, social and economic considerations

We know that using previously developed (brownfield) land will help, but it will not be enough on its own. Because of this, we need to think about different ways growth could happen and the consultation will ask for your views on the following options:

10. Which is your preferred approach? Please rank options A-D below, (1-4) \*

Option A - Equally dispersed growth (spreading development equally between all towns and villages across the district)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Option B - Main settlements focus (focusing development in towns and larger villages)	Click or tap here to enter text.

Option C - Infrastructure-led growth (linking development to where infrastructure providers consider most sustainable or can be improved)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Option D - Strategic growth location (planning larger new development or extensions such as garden villages)	Click or tap here to enter text.

11. Please explain your preferred approach \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

17. Are there any other alternative approaches the Council should consider? \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

### Section 6 – Key issues and challenges

18. What are the main issues the Local Plan should address? \*

- Housing affordability
- Traffic and congestion
- Public transport
- Climate change
- Flood risk
- Loss of countryside
- Infrastructure capacity
- Employment opportunities
- Town centre vitality
- Rural isolation
- Other

Click or tap here to enter text.

### Section 7 – Level of growth

14. How do you think future housing growth in the district should be planned? \*

- Plan for more homes than required by the Government to support future growth

- Plan for the level of homes we are required to deliver by the Government
- Plan for fewer homes to reflect potential local and environmental constraints
- Other – please specify

Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Section 8 – Infrastructure and services**

15. What infrastructure or services are most needed to support growth? \*

- Public transport and travel (buses, rail, walking and cycling)
- Roads and traffic improvements
- Schools and childcare provision
- Health services (GPs, hospitals, mental health)
- Affordable and specialist housing
- Green spaces and environmental protection (parks, nature, flood prevention)
- Community, sports and leisure facilities
- Utilities and digital infrastructure (water, energy, broadband)
- Other – please specify

Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Section 9 - Evidence and information**

16. Please provide any local information, evidence or data, that the Council should take into account when preparing the Local Plan?

(For example: local studies, community knowledge, or information about how places are used) \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Section 10 – Delivery and infrastructure**

17. Please provide any issues you think may affect the delivery of development in the district.(For example: infrastructure capacity, transport, access to services, or environmental constraints) \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Section 11 – Development principles**

18. What would need to be in place for development in your local area to be supported?

(For example: appropriate locations, good design, protection of the countryside, improved infrastructure, and benefits for the local community) \*

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### **Section 12 – Engagement**

19. How would you like to be involved in future stages of the Local Plan? \*

Please select all of the following engagement methods that you prefer.

- Online surveys
- Public exhibitions / drop-in events
- Workshops or focus groups
- Email updates / newsletters
- Social media updates
- Other

Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Section 13 – Strategic / cross-boundary issues**

20. Are there any issues that would need neighbouring councils or other organisations to work together to fix?

(For example: transport links, housing across boundaries, flooding, or protecting the natural environment.) \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Section 14 – Development opportunities**

21. Do you have land or know of a site you would like to suggest for development (such as housing, employment or other uses)?

(This could include land you own or are promoting on behalf of someone else) \*

- Yes – use *Call for Sites* form [Call for Sites Submission – Stroud District Council New Local Plan \(2026\) – Fill in form](#)
- No

### **Section 15 – Final comments**

22. Is there anything else you would like us to consider as part of this consultation? \*

Click or tap here to enter text.

23. Tick this box if you do not want to be added to our database or receive updates about the Local Plan.

If you leave this box unticked, we will keep you updated in line with the Council's data protection policy.

- I do not want to be added to the Local Plan database or receive future updates