

Stroud District Council

Infrastructure Funding Statement

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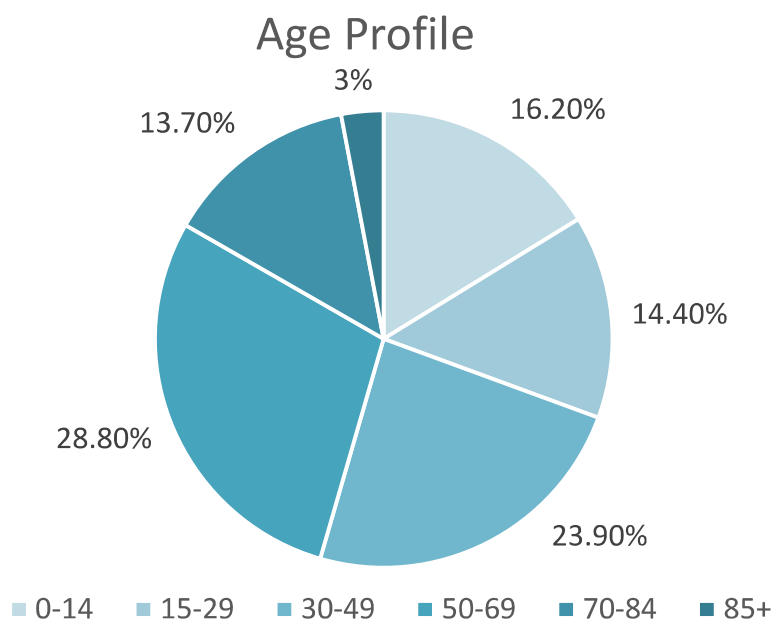


1. Area Profile

- 1.1 Stroud District sits at the south-western edge of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and extends westward across the Severn Vale. It is a rural district with several market towns, each with their own distinct characteristics, assets and issues. The district offers a high-quality environment and is a desirable place to live and work. Our population is ageing and generally affluent, however there are pockets of deprivation. There are high levels of out-commuting due to there being too few jobs available within the District itself. Significant growth is occurring along the M5 corridor (focused on Cheltenham, Gloucester and Bristol), which impacts the District now and in the future.

Population of Stroud: 121,000

A rise of 7.4% since 2011 census



3 National Rail Stations

8 Outstanding Schools



58.6% Economically active

(including full time students)

Source: Office for National Statistics, 2021 Census

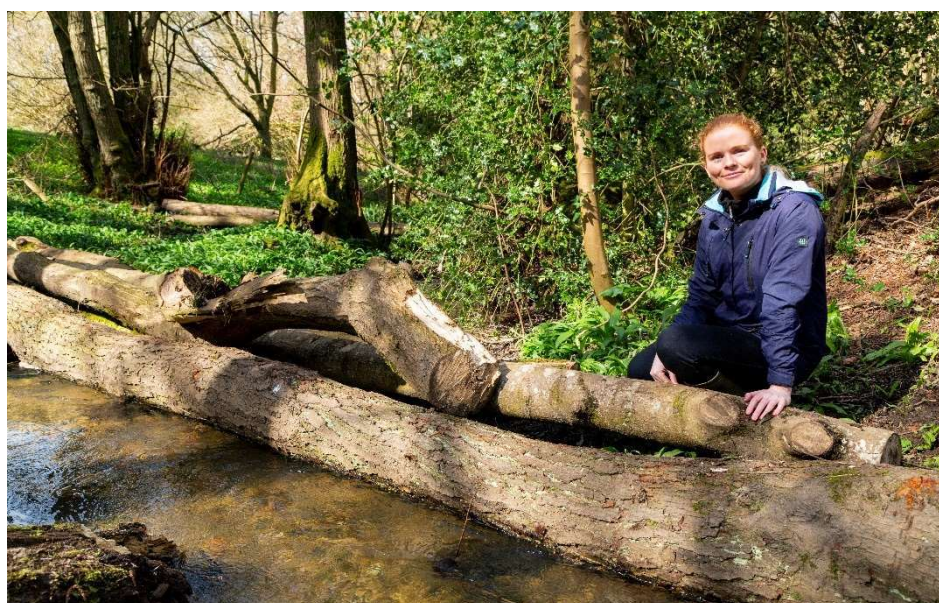
2. Introduction

- 2.1 This Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) is a report providing a summary of all financial and non-financial developer contributions within Stroud District, for the financial year 2022/2023. The report is to be published by the end of December each year and is composed in line with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations.
- 2.2 This is the fourth IFS completed by Stroud District Council, previous versions can be viewed online on the CIL pages of Stroud District Council's website www.stroud.gov.uk
- 2.3 The IFS sets out what infrastructure has been delivered to date via CIL and S106 planning obligations, as well as identifying future spending priorities.
- 2.4 Stroud District Council operate a 'CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme' each year, where strategic delivery partners are invited to submit project bids requesting CIL funding support for project delivery the following financial year. Project bids are assessed against a scoring matrix previously approved by Council, and officer funding recommendations are considered and decided upon by both Environment Committee and Strategy and Resources Committee.

Current CIL Rates (£/m²)

£80/m ² Residential	£75/m ² Supermarkets & Retail Warehouses	£0 Strategic sites identified in the Local Plan	£0 Residential sites within the Stroud Valleys area
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** The base rates are subject to annual indexation*



Rural SuDS project - working with natural processes to elevate flooding and to protect/enhance riverine habitats. Delivered by SDC in 2019.

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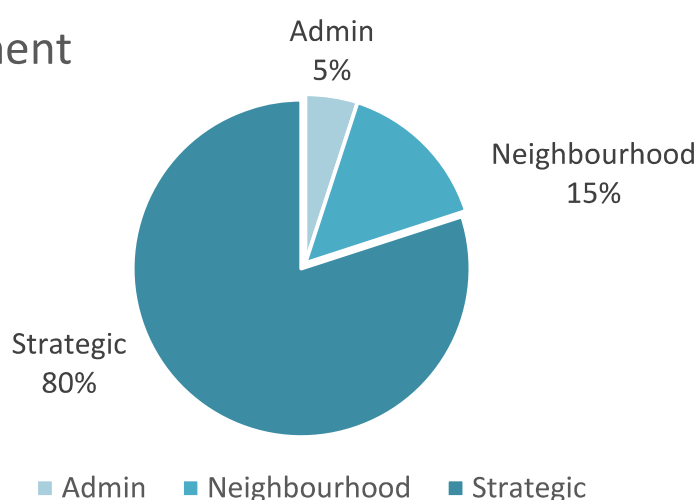
Developer Contributions at Stroud District Council



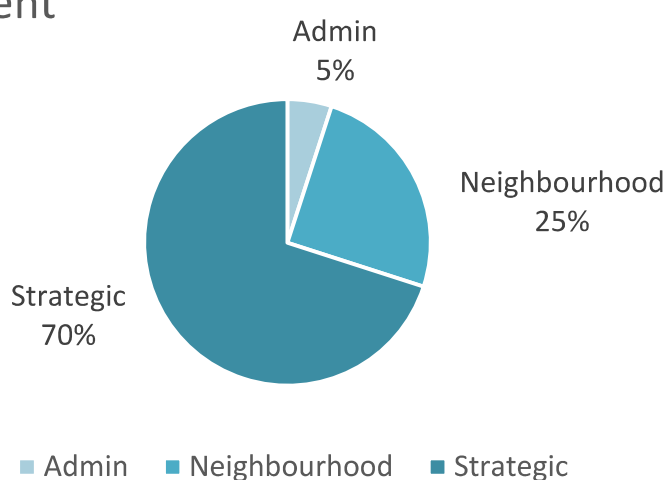
3. Developer Contributions at SDC

- 3.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule was adopted at Stroud in February 2017 and implemented on 1st April 2017. CIL receipts can be broken down into three distinctive portions – Admin, Neighbourhood and Strategic. Local Parish and Town Councils with a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) are entitled to a higher percentage of Neighbourhood CIL for their area.
- 3.2 CIL has been identified to provide funding to infrastructure projects which will support the growth and development of the district both at a local and strategic level.
- 3.3 Planning obligations required for Strategic Sites, or where site specific measures are required to make a development acceptable are secured through S106 Agreements. Affordable Housing obligations are secured solely through the S106 mechanism.
- 3.4 More information can be found on our website www.stroud.gov.uk/CIL.

CIL Apportionment



CIL Apportionment (with NDP)



4. Executive Summary - CIL

4.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule was adopted at Stroud in February 2017 and implemented on 1st April 2017. CIL receipts can be broken down into three distinctive portions – Admin, Neighbourhood and Strategic. Local Parish and Town Councils with a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) are entitled to a higher percentage of Neighbourhood CIL for their area.

4.2 Total CIL Receipts 22/23: **£1,003,774.01**

£50,188.70 CIL Admin	£179,867.65 Neighbourhood	£733,717.66 Strategic
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4.3 Total CIL receipts since implementation (1 April 2017 – 31 March 2023): **£3,346,500.48**

£167,325.02 CIL Admin	£555,747.69 Neighbourhood	£2,623,427.77 Strategic
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4.4 Available CIL on account* to 31st March 2023

£0.00 CIL Admin	£120,692.41 Neighbourhood	£1,838,054.77 Strategic
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****amounts which are unallocated and unspent to 31/03/23***

4.5 Total amount retained 22/23: **£558,349.76**

£0.00 CIL Admin	£118,220.25 Neighbourhood	£403,422.96 Strategic
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4.6 Total value of CIL set out in all Demand Notices issued in 22/23: **£2,177,284.15**
(a Demand Notice is issued when a liable application has commenced, outstanding amounts may not be paid in the same financial year)

4.7 Total amount spent on administrative expenses (5%) pursuant to Regulation 61:
£50,188.70 – spent in full annually on the running of the Developer Contributions service at Stroud District Council.

4.8 The amount of CIL spent on repaying borrowed money, including any interest, with details of the items of infrastructure which that money was used to provide (wholly or in part):
Nil – N/A.

4.9 Stroud District Council has not been in receipt of any allocation of land in lieu of a financial contribution.

The 5% allocation
for CIL Admin
contributes
towards staffing
costs

£437,184.79
allocated to
Neighbourhood
projects

£788,789
allocated to
Strategic projects



A new Youth Shelter located at Kings Stanley Playing Fields, delivered by the Parish Council using some Neighbourhood CIL funding towards the project. Delivered in February 2023.

5. CIL Expenditure 22/23

Strategic Projects

£60,000 – Stroud to Salmon Springs River Restoration

£9,229 – Strategic Tree Planting

£24,931.70 – SDC Rural SuDS

£16,643 – Stroud Outdoor Pool - Stratford Park, Stroud

£71,000 – Cam and Dursley Rail Station

£116,000 – Stroud to Nailsworth Cycle Track upgrade

£52,500 – Nailsworth Drainage Improvement Scheme

£20,000 – In Cab Technology for Waste Vehicles

Total spent: **£370,294.70**

Neighbourhood Projects

£144 on the replacement of the parish noticeboard – Stinchcombe Parish Council

£694.29 towards installation of junior swings – Upton St Leonards Parish Council

£1,132.6 towards improvements to the village hall – Leonard Stanley Parish Council

£1,565 on a flagpole and activity trail at Bussage Pleasure Ground – Chalford Parish Council

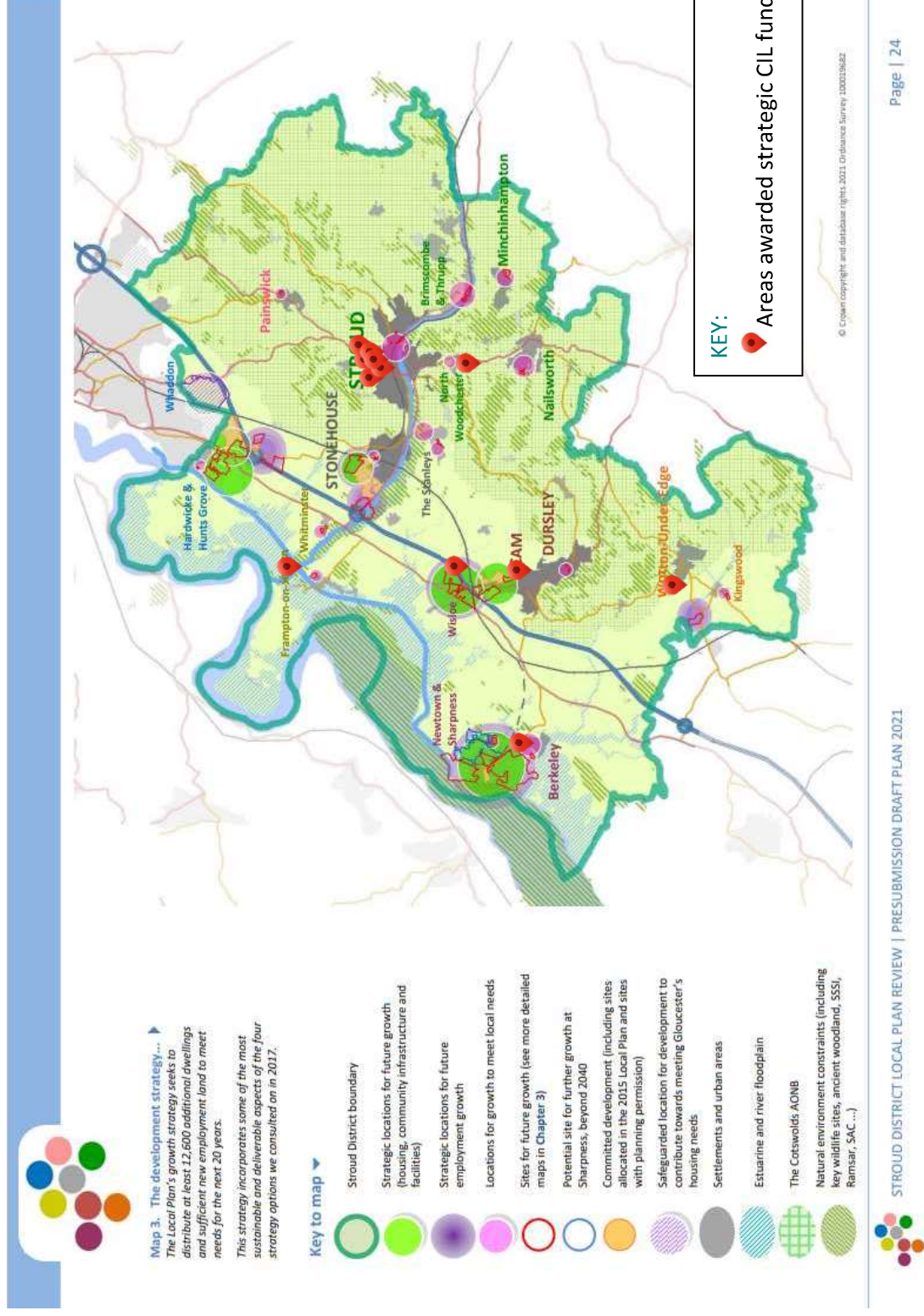
£2,129.51 towards groundworks and installation of a Youth Shelter at Kings Stanley Playing Fields – Kings Stanley Parish Council

Total spent: **£7,332.80**

Town and Parish Councils have 5 years from the date of receipt to spend their CIL allocation on local infrastructure. Neighbourhood CIL is allocated in April and October annually.

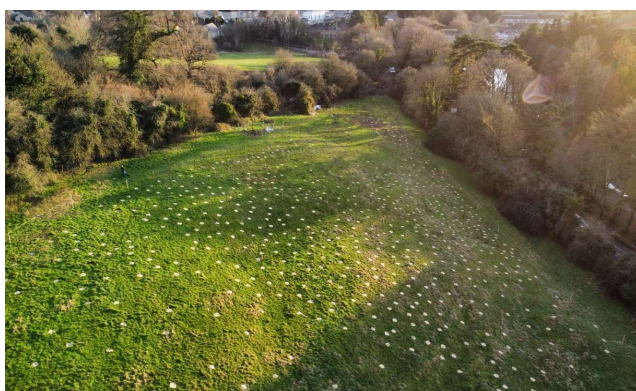


Expenditure Map: Extract from Stroud District Council Local Plan Review – May 2021



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CIL Strategic Spend Project Allocations



6. CIL - Projects Allocated Funding, Dec 2022

Project	Outline	Total Project Costs	CIL Funding Approved
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College: Create 14-16 Centre	The Stroud 14-16 Create Centre will provide vocational learning with a well-established support structure for up to 200 students who may not suit the standard school system. The funding request will provide toilets within the dedicated centre.	£250,000	£25,000
Gloucestershire County Council PRoW: Dudbridge to Ryeford Cycle Trail surface improvements	To widen where possible to a minimum of 3m width and resurface the 1 mile section of cycle trail between Dudbridge and Ryeford, along with improvements to local cycle route signage.	£220,000	£75,000
Berkeley Town Council: Berkeley Town Improvement Project – preliminary design	Funding of preliminary town centre redesign works which is essential to inform the detailed design which will take place in the following year.	£50,239	£20,239
Wotton Community Sports Foundation: The New Barn	Construction of a new multi-use sports and community building that will include a sports changing rooms, community café, function room with bar and a meeting room.	£1,327,225	£75,000
Total		Total	£195,239

7. CIL - Strategic Projects Overview

Project	Allocated	Spent	Financial Year Approved
Stroud to Salmon Springs River Restoration	£60,000	£60,000	2019/20
Strategic Tree Planting	£14,000	£14,000	2019/20
Rural SuDS Flood Management Scheme	£30,000	£24,931.70	2019/20
Cam and Dursley Greenway	£25,000	£0	2020/21
Cam and Dursley Rail Station Improvements	£71,050	£71,000	2020/21
Cainscross Segregated Cycleway	£25,000	£0	2020/21
Stroud to Nailsworth Cycle Track	£116,000	£116,000	2020/21
Frampton Cycle Path	£10,000	£0	2020/21
In-Cab Technology for waste vehicles	£20,000	£20,000	2020/21
Nailsworth drainage improvement scheme	£52,500	£52,500	2021/22
Stroud Outdoor Pool (Lido)	£20,000	£16,634	2021/22
Archway School 3G Astrotrurf	£150,000	£0	2021/22
Berkeley Realm Public Design (Prelim)	£20,239	£0	2022/23
Dudbridge to Ryeford Cycle Trail	£75,000	£0	2022/23
SGS College '14-16 Create Centre'	£25,000	£25,000	2022/23
Wotton 'New Barn' – Sports & Recreation Pavilion	£75,000	£0	2022/23

8. Neighbourhood CIL

8.1 In line with the CIL Regulations, Neighbourhood CIL is paid to Town and Parish Councils in April and October each year. The money they receive is directly from CIL receipts of development that has happened in their locality, therefore if there has been no development in an area, they will not be in receipt of any CIL money.

8.2 Total allocated to Town and Parish Councils 22/23: **£207,360.87**

8.3 Town and Parish Councils must spend Neighbourhood CIL within 5 years of receipt, this is monitored annually via the submission of a CIL return report, copies of which are made available on our website. The return mirrors the legislative requirements of the Charging Authority and provides details of Neighbourhood CIL receipts, expenditure and any carry over for each neighbourhood area.

8.4 Stroud District Council did not need to recover any unspent Neighbourhood CIL in the reported year, nor in previous years, in line with Regulation 59E*. There are no non-parished areas within the District where CIL money has been allocated**.



Canon Park Recreational Field, see Case Study on page 28

**Regulation 59E relates to the recovery of CIL where a local council has not spent CIL within 5 years of receipt or has spent CIL on a non-infrastructure item). **Regulation 59F relates to applying CIL in non-parished areas.*

CIL Neighbourhood Portion

Payment Period April and October 2022

Town or Parish Council	Payment Period	Amount
Cam Parish Council	April 2022	£38,464.05
Hardwicke Parish Council	April 2022	£18,880.34
Stroud Town Council (NDP)	April 2022	£14,342.01
Wotton under Edge Town Council	April 2022	£7,891.74
Hillesley and Tresham Parish Council	April 2022	£7,285.32
Bisley w. Lypiatt Parish Council	April 2022	£5,621.39
Randwick and Westrip Parish Council	April 2022	£2,674.19
Nailsworth Town Council	April 2022	£2,109.35
Whitminster Parish Council	April 2022	£2,066.49
Stroud Town Council	April 2022	£1,685.88
Painswick Parish Council	April 2022	£1,658.83
Dursley Town Council	April 2022	£47.80
Stonehouse Town Council	April 2022	£1,269.90

Brookthorpe with Whaddon Parish Council	April 2022	£1,215.48
Horsley Parish Council	April 2022	£910.77
Minchinhampton Parish Council	April 2022	£843.69
Upton St Leonards Parish Council	April 2022	£566.83
Stinchcombe Parish Council	April 2022	£161.02
Woodchester Parish Council	April 2022	£139.24
Rodborough Parish Council	April 2022	£110.93
Alkington Parish Council	April 2022	£81.10
Cam Parish Council	October 2022	£25,755.66
Stroud Town Council (NDP)	October 2022	£15,904.6
Dursley Town Council	October 2022	£9,656.35
Wotton under Edge Town Council	October 2022	£9,235.56
Alkington Parish Council	October 2022	£5,978.03
Minchinhampton Parish Council	October 2022	£3,677.41
Brookthorpe with Whaddon Parish Council	October 2022	£2,805.42
Uley Parish Council (Owlpen)	October 2022	£2,132.21
Whitminster Parish Council	October 2022	£2,066.49

Bisley w. Lypiatt Parish Council	October 2022	£1,842.13
Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council	October 2022	£1,740.26
Stroud Town Council	October 2022	£1,482.72
Stinchcombe Parish Council	October 2022	£1,449.15
Rodborough Parish Council	October 2022	£998.39
Kings Stanley Parish Council	October 2022	£974.27
Woodchester Parish Council	October 2022	£626.60
Cainscross Parish Council	October 2022	£525.00
Coaley Parish Council	October 2022	£507.72
Randwick and Westrip Parish Council	October 2022	£308.45
Nailsworth Town Council	October 2022	£305.42
Hunts Grove Parish Council	October 2022	£17,044.01
TOTAL:		£213,042.20 actual £207,360.87*

*During the reported financial year, Hardwicke Parish Council returned £5,681.33 which had been paid to them in April 2021. This funding was incorrectly allocated and should have been for Hunts Grove Parish Council, the neighbouring area. This was rectified in the payment to Hunts Grove Parish Council in October 2022.

9. CIL: Projection of Future Income

The below table provides a projection of future CIL income Stroud District Council expects to receive; this has been produced for the next 5-year timeframe (1 April 2023 – 31 March 2028). These figures are a projection only, using figures which are correct at the time of writing this report. The “potential” column shows only live applications which are in the system to date and we would expect this figure to increase as more liable applications gain planning permission. Please note, these projections are subject to change for the following reasons:

- More CIL liabilities will come forward in the timeframe given
- An application with a CIL liability may never be implemented
- An exemption is applied for prior to implementation

Allocation	Potential (not secured) 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2028	Due (secured income) 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2028
Administrative Costs	£10,948.81	£64,901.86
Neighbourhood Portion*	£43,532.15	£107,697.44
Strategic Fund*	£164,495.36	£1,125,438.05
Total	£218,976.32	£1,298,037.35

**Projection based on average of 15% Neighbourhood Portion allocation (25% allocation for Town and Parish Councils with an adopted NDP).*

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S106 Agreements, Contributions and Expenditure



10. S106 Agreements

10.1 Total amount of money to be provided under any planning obligations which were entered into during the reporting year:

S106 Agreements:

Obligations	Total Committed
Monitoring of Agreement	£7,370.00
Off-Site Affordable Housing	£76,500.00
On-Site Affordable Housing	£45,900.00

Specific HRA Mitigation Contributions:

Obligations	Total Committed
Rodborough Common Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Mitigation Contribution	£23,650.50
Severn Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Mitigation Contribution	£96,722.25
Cotswold Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Mitigation Contribution*	£6,730.00

*Adopted 4 October 2022

Total committed: £256,872.75

10.2 Total amount of money under any planning obligation which was **received** during the reporting year:

S106 Agreements:

Obligations	Total Received
Monitoring of Agreement	£9,005.87
Off-Site Recreation	£23,844.37

Specific HRA Mitigation Contributions:

Obligations	Total Received
Rodborough Common SAC Mitigation Contribution	£36,052.50
Severn Estuary SAC Mitigation Contribution	£105,214.43

Total received: £174,117.17



- 10.3 The total amount of money under any planning obligations which was received before the reported year which has not been allocated by the authority:

All S106 funds held by SDC are allocated / committed to specific project works.

- 10.4 Summary details of any non-monetary contributions to be provided under planning obligations which were entered into during the reporting year, including details in relation to affordable housing, the total number of units which will be provided:

Non-Monetary Contributions:

Affordable Housing: A total of 239 new build housing completions were confirmed in the reported year. Completions by tenure are as follows;

Year	Rented	Shared Ownership	Other Affordable Ownership	Total
2022/23	76	135	0	211

Acquisitions 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023:

Year	Rented	Shared Ownership	Other Affordable Ownership	Total
2022/23	0	0	0	0

Other Non-Monetary Contributions:

- Provision of Public Open Space
- Maintenance and management of Public Open Space

10.5 Total amount of money (received under any planning application) which was allocated but not spent during the reporting year:

S106 Project allocations not spent in reporting year 22/23

Planning Permission	Project Name / Infrastructure items	Allocation
S.06/1429/OUT Hunts Grove	Contribution Sustainable Drainage Scheme to improve flood prevention.	£28,736.99
S.14/0716/OUT Parklands Farm, Whitminster	Development of new Parish Sports Pavilion with changing facilities.	£69,030.54
S.05/1574/FUL Pack Horse Lane, WUE	Accessible path at Wotton Community Sports Foundation	£9,186.00
S.13/1387/FUL Horsemaring Farm, Standish	Construction of a multi-user active travel off road pathway.	£26,236.00
S.13/2117/OUT Mayos Land, Hardwicke	Parish Multi-User Games Area and sports changing rooms	£42,925.84
S.14/1927/OUT Chestnut Park, Kingswood	Kingswood Playing Fields facilities improvements	£28,528
S.15/2804/OUT NE Draycott, Cam	Extend/improve car parking facilities at Jubilee Fields Recreation Ground.	£20,460.00
S.14/0810/OUT Great Oldbury, W. Stonehouse	Canal Contribution – Stroudwater Canal Towpath construction and improvements.	£250,482.00
S.15/1655/OUT Newport Towers, Alkington	Development of new children's play area, on land off Church View, Newport.	£79,729.54
Brockworth Field, Coopers Edge S.01/1432/FUL	Development of new community allotments once land transfer complete	£114,861.47
Total:		£670,176.38

10.6 The total amount of money (received under any planning application), which was spent by the authority (including transferring it to another person)

S106 Project Expenditure in reporting year 22/23

Planning Application / Development Name	Infrastructure Project Investment	Spent	Spend Date
01/1107 Bowbridge Wharf	New children's Play Equipment at Daisy Bank Play Area, Stroud	£12,015.08	23/03/2023
S.15/0476/OUT Littlecombe	Capital improvements to the Chantry Centre including installation of PV Solar	£22,500.00	15/02/2023
01/1107 Bowbridge Wharf	Development of 'Natural Play' area and equipment, Stratford Park, Stroud	£41,506.92	03/02/2023
S.13/2117/OUT Mayos Land, Hardwicke	Part payment; Parish Multi-User Games Area and sports changing rooms	£32,270.62	03/02/2023
S.14/1927/OUT Chestnut Park, Kingswood	Improvements to recreation grounds including new community toilets.	£36,045.00	06/01/2023
S.13/1844/OUT Bowden Hall, Upton St Leonards	Equipment at the recreation grounds including installation of defibrillator and picnic bench.	£1,545.00	03/01/2023
S.04/2548/OUT Gaineys Well, Upper Leazes	Equipment upgrade to Upper Leazes Childrens Play Area New	£8,888.62	07/12/2022
S.15/0476/OUT Littlecombe	Accessibility works to enable improved community outreach services at Dursley Tabernacle	£35,000.00	06/12/2022
S.13/2153/OUT Sharpness	Environment Agency flood defence works, Berkeley	£18,641.53	21/10/2022
S.13/1289/OUT Mankley Field, Leonard Stanley	Part payment towards first phases of redevelopment of Parish Sport Pavilion	£5,790.70	21/10/2022
Total:		£214,203.47	

HRA Specific Expenditure:



Project Name	Spent	Spend Date
Improvement of the surface on the path and disabled car parking spaces at Shepherd's Patch, Slimbridge	£11,042.84	23/03/2023
Rodborough Common - Maintenance grazing plan and oversight review	£2,100.00	13/04/2022
Minchinhampton and Rodborough Restrictive Grazing. Erection of grazing paddocks electric fencing and dismantling	£1,200.00	25/04/2022
Mitigation Strategy – Cotswold Beechwoods SAC	£13,860.00	01/11/2022
Mitigation Strategy – Rodborough Common SAC	£4,900.00	01/11/2022
Minchinhampton and Rodborough Common Restrictive Grazing. 4.5 days - Erecting of grazing paddocks electric fencing and dismantling	£1,925.00	06/02/2023
RCCP contribution for the purchase of Flailbot	£5,000.00	13/02/2023
Total:	£40,027.84	

10.7 In relation to money (received under planning obligations) which was allocated by the authority but not spent during the reported year, summary details of the items of infrastructure on which the money has been allocated, and the money allocated to each item.

➤ Please see item 10.5 above which incorporates these details.

10.8 In relation to money (received under planning obligations) which was spent by the authority during the reported year, summary details of –

i) The items of infrastructure on which that money (received under planning obligations) was **spent** and the amount spent on each item

➤ Please see item 10.6 above which incorporates these details.

10.9 The amount of money (received under planning obligations) spent on repaying money borrowed, including interest, with details of the items of infrastructure which that money was use to provide

➤ None

10.10 The amount of money (received under planning obligations) spent in respect of monitoring (including reporting under regulation 121A) in relation to the delivery of planning obligations:

➤ £7,370.00 received and spent in full.

10.11 The total amount of money (received under any planning obligations) during the year which was retained at the end of the reported year, and where any of the retained money has been allocated for the purposes of longer-term maintenance (“commuted sums”), also identified separately

➤ None

10.12 Summary details of any funding or provision of infrastructure which is to be provided through a highway agreement under section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 which was entered into during the reporting year

➤ None*

10.13 Summary details of any funding or provision of infrastructure under a highway agreement which was provided during the reporting year

➤ None*

*Stroud District Council is not a Highways authority, as such, Highways provisions are secured through S106 agreements directly made between the developer and Gloucestershire County Council. Stroud District Council is not party to these agreements and therefore has no monitoring role in Highways matters.

11. Identified Areas of Prioritisation for Infrastructure Funding - CIL

Infrastructure to be funded, or part funded, through CIL	Infrastructure to be funded through S.106 obligations; S.278 of the Highways Act; other legislation or through planning condition
Education Early years, primary and secondary school schemes, covering ages 2-19, (excluding new primary schools required by strategic site allocations)	<i>New primary schools at strategic site allocations</i>
Social infrastructure Social infrastructure, including community facilities, burial grounds, sports, recreational, play infrastructure, youth provision, public realm, art and cultural facilities (excluding on site provision)	<i>On site provision at strategic site allocations (including at Hunts Grove Local Centre and West of Stonehouse Local Centre) and at other development sites</i>
Transport Transport infrastructure including highway improvement schemes, cycling and walking infrastructure and public transport (excluding specific mitigation works on, or directly related to, a development site)	<i>Highway access arrangements and development specific mitigation works on site cycling and walking routes, on-site traffic calming, on-site bus stops and shelters at strategic site allocations and other development sites</i>
Canal infrastructure Infrastructure associated with improving or re-opening the Stroudwater Navigation, the Thames and Severn Canal or the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal including towpaths	

Green infrastructure The creation, improvement and maintenance of accessible natural greenspace, woodland and river corridors, for biodiversity, Water Framework Directive waterbody improvements and flood risk enhancements (excluding on site provision)	<i>On site provision at strategic site allocations and other development sites</i>
Strategic flood risk management infrastructure Improvements to Severn Estuary and other flood defences, river corridors and restoration of canal network for flood risk enhancements including the Rural SuDS scheme and as set out in the Stroud Valleys Initiative (excluding on site provision)	<i>On site management and disposal of surface water, including sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) at strategic site allocations and other development sites</i>
Emergency Services (Police, Fire and Ambulance)	
Health and wellbeing infrastructure	<i>Sites for surgeries at strategic site allocations (including at Hunts Grove Local Centre and West of Stonehouse Local Centre)</i>
Renewable or low carbon energy infrastructure	
Strategic waste and recycling infrastructure Provision of household waste recycling and waste management facilities (excluding on site collection facilities)	<i>On site collection facilities and waste reduction initiatives</i>

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Case Studies



Case Study – Canon Park Recreational Field

Berkeley Town Council ran a successful redevelopment of Canon Park recreational field, including a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), new play area and new fitness equipment. The council used £2943.67 of their neighbourhood CIL towards the project costs and was completed in August 2021.

The whole area is now a busy and vibrant public space, the MUGA is free for public use, when it is not booked, and has a waiting list for evening bookings for local and district wide football clubs. The play area and fitness area are very popular and used by people from Berkeley Vale and further afield. The council has a new youth club who sometimes use the facility and has 30-40 members spread over junior/senior age groups in the Football Club at Canon Park recreational field.



Case Study – Woodchester Play Area

Woodchester Parish Council used a total of £1,497.84 in Neighbourhood CIL funding towards installing a new play area within the parish and all ground works associated with the project (total project cost £33,563.34). The play area is located next to the Cycle Path at the bottom of Selsley Road and was completed in March 2023.

The play area was officially opened by County Councillor Steve Robinson on the 8th April 2023. Local families were invited to attend a special Easter Opening Ceremony and the event was very well attended. Positive feedback has been received by the local residents and pupils of Woodchester School, who have been involved in numerous ways through the rollout of the project. The play area continues to be well used and has been a welcome addition to the parish.



Case Study – Stroud to Nailsworth Cycle track

A project using funding from the Strategic allocation of CIL, the Stroud – Nailsworth cycle track required significant improvements including restoration of the Newman Henders Bridge which had become unsafe. Joining with Gloucestershire County Council, works were arranged to replace the failing bridge and provide a smooth and safe path for cyclists and pedestrians.

Two lengthy sections of the trail were resurfaced with a recycled tyre product, and more recently a short section at Woodchester has been widened and the bridge between Birds Crossing and Paul's Rise has been repaired by the addition of new bearer beams, deck and handrails. Ramps have been installed and widened north of Woodchester too, while work has been recently finished to improve access on and off the trail at Dunkirk Mill.

GCC contractors did the work, part or fully funded by Stroud District Council, and the rubber crumb surfacing work was also completed in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's Wild Towns project and the Stroud Valleys Project.

The project was allocated a total of £116,000 of strategic CIL funding and spent in two parts in April 2022 and February 2023.



Case Study – Stroud Outdoor Pool

A project using funding from the Strategic allocation of CIL, the spring-fed outdoor pool located at Stratford Park Leisure Centre has benefited from a new exchange unit which uses waste heat to pipe warmed water to the outdoor pool. This will increase the water temperature by 2-3 degrees. The project cost a total of £16,634 and was delivered in October 2022. The increase in heating has made the pool more appealing to swimmers and increased the length of the season it is open for during the summer months.



Case Study – SGS College Create Centre

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College were awarded strategic CIL funding towards a much bigger project for their new Create Centre for 14-16 year old students seeking vocational learning opportunities and additional support. The CIL contribution of £25,000 went towards the toilet facilities for the centre. The allocation was awarded in February 2023 and completed in September of the same year.



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