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To: Stroud District Council

Thank you for providing Minsterworth Parish Council with the details of the Pre-Submission draft of the Stroud District Local Plan. This subject was discussed at the Minsterworth Parish Council meeting on 14 Jun 21 and it was agreed that we had no comments on the legal compliance of the plan.

Kind regards,

Minsterworth Parish Council Clerk and Finance Officer

From: Local.Plan@stroud.gov.uk <Local.Plan@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 26 May 2021 14:35

Subject: Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Stroud District Local Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to inform you of the publication of the Pre-Submission Draft Stroud District Local Plan under Regulations 19, 20 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Local plans sit at the heart of the national planning system, providing a framework for managing the use of land, to address local housing, employment and other needs whilst conserving and enhancing our local environment. The current Stroud District Local Plan was adopted in November 2015. The Government expects local planning authorities to review plans regularly and to update them in whole or in part at least every five years. A new Local Plan has therefore been in preparation since 2017 and has involved periods of extensive public consultation and engagement. The new Local Plan, when adopted, will set out where development will take place in the District up to 2040 and will also include policies which will be used to assess future planning applications.

On 29 April 2021 Stroud District Council approved a Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan for publication. The Local Plan is now available for those who would like to make comments on the contents of the Plan. The period for making any comments will run for six weeks from **Wednesday 26 May 2021** until **Wednesday 7 July 2021**. Please note that this is a formal statutory stage of public consultation and we will be unable to accept any representations received after **midnight on Wednesday 7 July 2021**.

All comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of a public examination by an independent Planning Inspector. The Council expects to submit the Plan to the Secretary of State during September 2021. The Council expects any hearing sessions as part of that examination to be held during early 2022.

Representations at this stage should only be made to the <u>legal compliance</u> of the Local Plan i.e. whether the correct procedures have been taken in its preparation and to the <u>"soundness"</u> of the Plan i.e. has the Plan been positively prepared; is it justified by the evidence; is it effective and deliverable and is it consistent with national policy. Representations should specify in what respect(s) the Plan is considered to be unsound, and what change(s) would need to be made to make it sound.

Please note that in accordance with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, copies of documents are only available to view on the Council's website. They can be viewed at www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview from Wednesday 26 May 2021. In order to make a representation, you will need to fill in an online representation form. Please note the Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability is attached to this email.

Please also note that the website includes consultation reports setting out how the Council has taken account of comments made at the previous Draft Plan and Additional Housing Options public consultation stages in 2019 and 2020 respectively.

If you have any questions regarding this consultation stage or need help filling in the representation form please contact the Planning Strategy Team via local.plan@stroud.gov.uk or by phoning the Planning Strategy Team on 01453 754143

Planning Strategy Team Stroud District Council





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