**Stroud District Council Planning Policy Privacy Statement**

**This is to be read in conjunction with the Council’s General Privacy Notice – please see** [**Sections 1 to 10**](https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-the-council/access-to-information/privacy-and-cookie-policy/privacy-notice)

**Why we collect information about you**

* The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 require councils to consult the public on Local Plans, of which the Stroud District Local Plan forms part of.
* The Stroud District Plan is a Development Plan Document that is being prepared by Stroud District Council.
* We collect information from you when you respond to a consultation and the information is kept on a Stroud District Plan consultation database so that we can contact you when we consult on future iterations or reviews of the Plan.
* If you respond to a consultation, we will ask you if you want your details retained so that we can notify you of other key stages of the Stroud District Local Plan’s progression. You can also ask to be notified without submitting a consultation response at any time.
* As the Stroud District Local Plan progresses we will also ask you if you want to be notified when the plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination.

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by emailing local.plan@stroud.gov.uk and we will stop contacting you.

**What information do we collect about you?**

* Personal data: Name, postal address, organisation, email address, telephone number(s), planning agent (if applicable).
* Your response to the Stroud District Local Plan consultation.

**Who do we share the information with?**

* The information that you provide is separated into two types of data a) personal data b) your consultation response.
* Responses to consultations are used to inform future stages of plan making and ultimately become evidence for public examination of plans. These will be shared on the Council’s website. Any published responses will be redacted to exclude your personal information but will include your name as required at Regulation 19 stage.
* Your other personal information will not be made publically available, but is shared with the Inspector of the Stroud District Local Plan, the Planning Inspectorate and their Programme Officer. They will use this information to contact you regarding your Stroud District Local Plan consultation response both generally (unless you have not asked to be so notified) and where statutorily required under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
* As part of the Local Plan Examination, the Government require the Council to broadcast hearing sessions live on YouTube, Zoom or equivalent. These sessions are not recorded, but by agreeing to participate you agree to the sessions being broadcast.

**Is any information transferred to or stored on servers based outside the European Economic Area?**

The information is stored on servers based in the UK.

**How long do we keep your information?**

* Consultation responses are retained for the length of the plan making process.
* Responses will be removed upon adoption of the plan and following the clearance of any legal challenge periods.
* Responses and contact details of people who submit a response to Stroud District Local Plan consultations will be retained for 6 years unless we are requested to remove them by the consultee.
* After 6 years, personal data will be removed and consultation responses will be retained and archived in the public interest for historical research and sent to the public archive.

**Who do we collect information from?**

We collect the information from members of the public, statutory bodies and those in the development industry who wish to respond to the Stroud District Local Plan consultations.

**What are the consequences if we do not collect the data?**

The Council has a statutory planning obligation to consult on local plans as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. If you withdraw consent to the council before the plan is submitted to the Secretary of State your comments will not be taken into account and we will not be able to advise you of any future consultations. If you withdraw your consent after the plan has been adopted your comments will need to be retained as evidence and for historical research, but your personal data will be removed.

**Are any decision about you made by automatic means?**

No automated decisions are made about you.