

Stroud District Local Plan Review

Summary of responses to the Additional Technical Evidence Consultation

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1. Introduction

- **1.1** The Council's Draft Plan and background evidence were submitted to the Government's Planning Inspectorate to commence an Examination of the Draft Local Plan in October 2021.
- **1.2** During summer 2022, the Council updated some technical documents relating to transport, infrastructure and viability and published some background evidence on the accessibility of sites to services and facilities.
- 1.3 In order to assist them in considering this additional technical evidence, the Inspectors requested representors, where it was relevant to their existing representations, be given the opportunity to comment on this additional evidence, if they so wished. The Inspectors instructed the District Council to administer the consultation and specified the terms of the consultation, including who could respond and the consultation period.



2. Consultation

2.1 The consultation ran for a 4 week period between Tuesday 27th September 2022 and Tuesday 25th October 2022. Full details of the consultation are available to view on the Council's website at https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review/stroud-district-local-plan-review-additional-technical-evidence-limited-consultation

Consultation documents

2.2 This consultation was limited to comments on the following documents which were made available to view on the Council's website:

EB98 Traffic Forecasting Report Addendum (April 2022) EB108 Sustainable Transport Strategy Addendum (July 2022) EB109 Transport Funding and Delivery Plan (July 2022) EB110 Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) 2022 Addendum Report, August 2022 EB111 Stroud Local Plan Viability Assessment 2022 Refresh Report, August 2022 EB111a Stroud Local Plan Viability Assessment 2022 Appendices 1-11 EB111b Stroud Local Plan Viability Assessment 2022 Appendices 12-18 EB112 SALA Accessibility Scoring Note, August 2022 EB112a SALA Transport Accessibility Assessment November 2020 EB112b SALA Transport Accessibility Assessment October 2019 EB112c SALA Transport Accessibility Assessment July 2018

Making representations

- 2.3 Feedback on the Draft Plan was invited across three formats:
 - By online questionnaire
 - By email
 - By letter
- 2.4 The online questionnaire comprised two questions on each of the documents, seeking comments and a summary and how they relate to selected sites and/or policies.
- 2.5 All representations received have been redacted and available to view on the Council's website at <u>https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-</u><u>strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review/local-plan-examination/examination-library</u>



Publicity and notification

2.6 In line with guidance from the inspectors, email notification was sent to statutory consultees, together with interest groups, local organisations, businesses, land agents, developers and local residents who had responded to the Regulation 19 consultation in 2021 only. Letters were sent out to anyone who responded to the Regulation 19 consultation but did not provide an email address.

3. Responses

Level of response

3.1 In total, 78 respondents made duly made comments to the Additional Technical Evidence Consultation. Responses were received from a variety of stakeholders including individuals, town and parish councils, statutory and non-statutory organisations, landowners and developers and local community groups. The majority (51%) of respondents were individuals. The full breakdown is shown below in Figure 1.

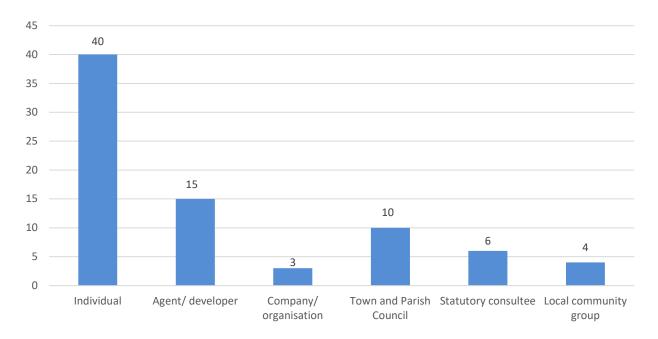


Figure 1: Respondent Type

3.2 Representations were received from 6 statutory consultees:

Environment Agency Gloucestershire County Council National Highways National Rail South Gloucestershire Council Sports England

3.3 Representations were received from 10 town and parish councils:

Brookthorpe with Whaddon Parish Council Cam Parish Council Dursley Town Council Hamfallow Parish Council Hardwicke Parish Council MInchinhampton Parish Council Rodborough Parish Council Slimbridge Parish Council Stonehouse Town Council Stroud Town Council

3.4 Representations were received from 62 agents, developers, companies, organisations, local community groups and individuals.



Method of response

3.5 Submitted responses and comments were received via the online questionnaire or by email/letter. In total, 60 (77%) of the 76 respondents submitted online and 18 (23%) sent their comments by email or letter. See Table 2 below.

Method	No. of respondents	Percent
Online questionnaire	60	77%
Email/letter	18	23%
Total	78	100%

Table 1: Method of response



4. The next steps

- 4.1 The Inspectors requested that once the consultation had closed, in order to assist them progress the Examination, the District Council provide a summary of the duly made representations in tabular form and a Council response to the summary.
- 4.2 The following tables are self-explanatory and are set out by Consultation Document. The tables present a summary of all responders comments and the Council's initial response. It must be noted that all summaries can only provide an overview of submitted representations and should only be considered a guide to the full representations themselves. In order to fully understand any summary and the Council's response, it is advised to read the full representation and all additional documents submitted, which are available on the Council's Examination webpage.
- 4.3 The tables are in the following Appendixes:

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