

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - PRE-SUBMISSION DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To put recommendations from Environment Committee for consideration and, if appropriate, approval.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<p><b>The Council RESOLVES to:</b></p> <p>a. approve the draft Local Plan (appendix A) for publication in accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and subsequently submit to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012</p> <p>b. approve the public consultation reports (appendices B and C) for publication</p> <p>c. delegate to the Head of Planning Strategy authority to make minor map, textual and formatting changes to the draft document before publication</p>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	Please refer to the original Committee report(s).			
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<b>Options</b>	Council can either accept the recommendations, decide to amend the recommendations or refuse to accept the recommendations. There has been extensive consultation and analysis of alternative development strategies, policy and site options to determine the most appropriate for the District. A range of alternatives has been tested.			
<b>Background Papers</b>	The full evidence base and information on previous Local Plan stages can be found at <a href="http://www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview">www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview</a>			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Draft Local Plan Appendix B – 2019 Draft Local Plan Consultation Report Appendix C – Additional Housing Options Consultation Report			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

1. On the 20 April 2021, Environment Committee considered a report which related to the Pre-Submission District Local Plan, the full report can be viewed [here](#).
2. Following an in depth debate of the contents of the Draft Local Plan, the Committee resolved to recommend to Council the recommendations set out in this report. The Head of Planning Strategy agreed to make a small number of minor changes to the Plan.
3. Council adopted the Stroud District Local Plan 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. The adopted Local Plan is now more than five years old and the housing requirement set out in the Plan is no longer up-to-date. The Local Plan Review started in 2017 and a first draft Local Plan was produced for public consultation in October 2019. The production of the final Draft Local Plan was delayed during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and any further delay increases the risks of planning by appeal and further delays due to changes to the planning system included in the Government's 2020 Planning White Paper. The Government's Chief Planning Officer has urged local authorities to continue with plan reviews despite the on-going pandemic and wishes to see all local authorities with an up-to-date Local Plan by 2023.

4. Once approved, the Draft Local Plan (set out in Appendix A) will be subject to six weeks of formal public consultation in accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, commencing at the end of May/early June 2021. The Draft Local Plan, together with consultation representations received and supporting documents, will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, anticipated by September 2021. Depending upon progress with the examination, it is hoped that receipt of a favourable Inspector's Report will allow the Council to adopt the new Local Plan by the end of 2022.