

The Stroud District Local Plan was adopted in November 2015 and sets out a planning strategy for distributing development within the District and policies for protecting and conserving the natural and built environment. The current Plan covers the period to 2031. It is important that the Local Plan is kept up-to-date and the current Local Plan commits the Council to undertake an early review.

The District Council started the process of reviewing the current Local Plan in 2017 with an Issues and Options consultation to cover the period to 2040. This was followed by a consultation on an Emerging Strategy in 2018. They have now reached Draft Local Plan stage and this sets out the Council's vision, strategy, sites and policies for meeting development needs over the next 20 years.

The public consultation ran for nine weeks from 20 November 2019 to 22 January 2020.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT



In order to vote in the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire, County, District and Parish Council elections taking place on May 6th 2021 you must be registered on the Electoral Roll.

Planning is already underway and we would like to reassure you that our highest priority is the safety of our staff and our electorate. We will be adhering to Government Guidelines, so your Polling Station may look a bit different, please help us to help you keep safe by following the guidelines.

To register to vote, please go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. You will need your date of birth and national insurance number and registering only takes a few minutes.

If you are not able to cast your ballot at a polling station or would prefer not to vote in person you can apply for an "Absent Vote".

Stroud District Council Elections web page has all the information you need:

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/how-do-i-vote>

From here you can find out all about how to vote including:

Check if you are registered by using a quick link.

Register to vote deadline - Midnight, Monday 19 April 2021

Voting by Post -request or download an application form

Postal vote deadline - 5pm, Tuesday 20 April 2021

We must receive your application by post or email by 5pm on Tuesday 20 April to ensure you are able to vote by post. To vote by post, you must complete an application form which can be found below.

Voting by Proxy - request or download an application form

Proxy vote deadline - 5pm, Tuesday 27 April 2021

We must receive your application by post or email by 5pm on Tuesday 27 April to ensure you are able to vote by proxy. To vote by proxy you must complete an application form which can be found below.