



STONEHOUSE
TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the Town Environment Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Environment Committee to be held on Monday 30th June, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

Committee Members:

Councillors: Keren Capeling, Keith Creighton (Committee Vice-Chair), Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs, Stephen Hunter, Simon Macgregor, John Parker

A period of up to 15 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise questions.

Carlos Novoth
Town Clerk
24th June 2025

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

A G E N D A

E/929 To receive apologies.

E/930 Declarations of Interest

E/931 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th May.

E/932 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

E/933 To propose writing a letter to Gloucestershire County Council to request an extension to the 20mph zone to cover the whole of Stonehouse, with the exception of the A419.

E/934 To recommend to Full Council the award of a contract to install a pedestrian gateway to the Ship Inn site, then present to Gloucestershire County Council for approval.

E/935 To consider a response to the Stroud District Council's Consultation and Engagement Survey

E/936 To approve Stonehouse in Bloom take over the empty phone box outside the Town Hall.

E/937 To recommend that quotations be obtained to make the necessary repairs to the Boules Court playing surface.

E/938 To recommend that the Recreation Working Group undertake a local consultation in Arrowsmith Drive regarding the upper children's play area.

E/939 To comment on recent Planning Applications (details in support papers)

E/940 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

E/941 To receive Working Groups updates from:

- Communications,
- Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station,
- Transport and Highways,
- Public Rights of Way
- Recreation.
- Canal Rejuvenation
- Court View
- Community Arboretum and Open Spaces

E/942 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 28th July 2025.

Notes on Agenda items, Environment Committee, Monday 30th June 2025

E/931 Minutes	Minutes attached
E/932 Budget report	Report attached
E/933 20mph extension	See supporting papers
E/934 – Pedestrian Gateway	<p>Quotes have been obtained to install a pedestrian gateway to the Ship Inn site, near the corner of Bristol Road and Bridgend. Three quotes were sought – only two received. Although the local contractor (Cotswold Surfacing Co) is slightly more expensive, they did look at the site before quoting.</p> <p>Committee to recommend a contractor to Full Council for approval.</p>
E/939 Planning Applications	<p>S.25/1145/P14J 26 High Street, Stonehouse Installation of solar panels. Respond by 10th July. Click here.</p> <p>S.25/1124/HHOLD Lyndale, Grosvenor Road, Stonehouse Erection of a single storey side and two storey rear extension. Erection of a porch. Respond by 8th July. Click here.</p> <p>S.25/0994/HHOLD 11 Haven Avenue, Stonehouse Loft conversion with alterations to roof. Respond by 1st July. Click here.</p> <p>S.25/1027/TCA Bonds Mill, Stonehouse T0250 - Whitebeam - Pollard all crown limbs to main crown limb unions, at 1.8m, T0251 Whitebeam - Pollard all crown limbs to main crown limb unions, at 1.8m, T0252 - Whitebeam - Pollard all crown limbs to main crown limb unions, at 1.8m, T0324 - Crack Willow - Pollard all crown limbs to crown limb origins, at about 3m to 4m, T0248 - Crack Willow - Pollard all crown limbs to boles or previous cut points, T0249 - Crack Willow - Pollard all crown limbs to boles or previous cut points. Respond by 1st July. Click here.</p> <p>S.25/1041/TPO 35 Boakes Drive, Stonehouse TPO/0352 - T1 Oak - 2 Metre Crown Reduction Respond by 11th July. Click here.</p>
E/940 Planning Decisions	<p>S.25/0291/FUL 54 Bath Road, Stonehouse Convert rooms from hairdressing business (Class E) to residential use (Class C3) PERMITTED</p> <p>S.25/0740/HHOLD 5 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse Erection of a single storey rear and side extension. Erection of a porch. PERMITTED</p> <p>S.25/0670/HHOLD 33 Bath Road, Stonehouse Erection of single storey extension. PERMITTED</p> <p>S.25/0275/FUL Land at Verney Road, Stonehouse Extension and conversion of garage to dwelling.</p>

	<p>REFUSED</p> <p>S.25/0410/HHOLD The Wheelwrights, Grosvenor Road, Stonehouse Erection of a two-storey side extension with a single storey rear extension, driveway extended with an extended drop kerb. PERMITTED</p> <p>S.25/0557/HHOLD 6 Burdett Road, Stonehouse Erection of a single storey front extension and a dormer extension. PERMITTED</p> <p>S.25/0722/FUL Bonds Mill Bristol Road Stonehouse Replacement roof, alterations to fenestration, infilling of undercroft of Unit 71. PERMITTED</p>
E/941 Reports Working Groups	Updates to be received at the meeting.



STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Tuesday 27th May, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG

Present:

Councillors: Keith Creighton (Committee Vic-Chair), Debbie Curtis (Committee Chair), Neil Gibbs, Stephen Hunter,

Also present:

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk)

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E/918 To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Marcus Dixon, Simon Macgregor, John Parker, Keren Capeling

E/919 To appoint the Environment Committee Convenor/Chair

Cllr Neil Gibbs proposed Cllr Deborah Curtis as Chair; this was seconded by Cllr Stephen Hunter. All voted in favour.
Cllr Deborah Curtis was elected as Committee Convenor/Chair.

E/920 To appoint the Environment Committee Vice Chair

Cllr Stephen Hunter proposed Cllr Keith Creighton as Vice Chair; this was seconded by Cllr Neil Gibbs. All voted in favour.
Cllr Keith Creighton was elected as Committee Vice Chair.

E/921 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

E/922 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 28th April.

Committee APPROVED the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. One abstention was recorded.

E/923 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £185.00; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £4,815.31 and Reserve Expenditure of £0.

E/924 To consider if the Council is eligible to apply for the Greener Gloucestershire Community Fund.

After much discussion, committee proposed referring the Greener Gloucestershire Community Fund to the Climate Change Action Forum and to Share and Repair.

E/925 To comment on recent Planning Applications

S.25/0520/FUL 5 Regency Close, Stonehouse
Change of use from Use Class C3 to residential accommodation for people in need of care (Use Class C2). (Retrospective).

Comment: This council is aware of objections from nearby residents who complain of continuous noise disturbance and parking issues.

In principle, this council supports the aim for residential accommodation for people in need of care, however this particular situation is having a detrimental impact on the surrounding properties.

S.25/0291/FUL 54 Bath Road, Stonehouse
Convert rooms from hairdressing business (Class E) to residential use (Class C3).

Comment: No objections.

S.25/0797/HHOLD 70 Boakes Drive, Stonehouse
Erection of single storey rear extension.

Comment: No objections.

E/926 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

S.25/0264/TPO TPO 352 Church Lane Stonehouse
Re-pollard Holm Oak to reduce risk of failure at re-growth.
CONSENT GIVEN

S.25/0239/HHOLD 16 Paddock Rise Stonehouse
Installation of a driveway and timber fence.
PERMITTED

S.25/0437/HHOLD 3 Bath Road Stonehouse
Dropped kerb and creation of parking area.
REFUSED

E/927 To receive Working Groups updates.

- **Communications**
Not met.
- **Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station**
Not met.
- **Transport and Highways**
Meeting was held recently and a report is pending.

- **Public Rights of Way**

Not met.

- **Recreation.**

Working group has met. A report will be circulated in the supporting papers for the next Environment meeting on 30th June.

- **Canal Rejuvenation**

Not met.

- **Court View**

Not met.

- **Community Arboretum and Open Spaces.**

A meeting was held on site at Doverow which will be discussed at a follow up meeting in June.

E/928 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 30th June 2025.

Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting.

E1932

Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 23/06/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

		2025/2026	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME					
Town Environment Committee					
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
205	Event Income/Donations				
205/1	Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£40.00	£-1,160.00
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
205/3	Markets	£0.00	£0.00	£270.00	£270.00
205	Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£310.00	£-890.00
210	Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
215	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Town Environment Committee		£1,200.00	£0.00	£310.00	£-890.00
EXPENDITURE					
Town Environment Committee					
1190	Amenity Areas				
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£29,500.00	£0.00	£4,921.00	£24,579.00
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£900.00	£100.00
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£3,800.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,800.00
1190/4	Public Space Improvements	£6,000.00	£0.00	£160.00	£5,840.00
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£4,500.00	£0.00	£59.90	£4,440.10
1190/6	Waste Collection	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00
1190	Total	£48,800.00	£0.00	£6,040.90	£42,759.10
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,110.00	£-110.00

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Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance
2005 Climate Change	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2010 In Bloom				
2010/1 Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2010/3 Watering Services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2010/4 Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2010 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2050 Cultural Events & Studies				
2050/1 Goodwill	£6,000.00	£0.00	£368.16	£5,631.84
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£24.91	£275.09
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£0.00	£174.00	£2,826.00
2050/4 Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£0.00	£567.07	£8,732.93
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2090 Planning Specialist Advice				
2090/1	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2090 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Town Environment Committee	£60,100.00	£0.00	£8,717.97	£51,382.03
Total Town Environment Committee	£1,200.00	£0.00	£310.00	£-890.00
Total Town Environment Committee	£60,100.00	£0.00	£8,717.97	£51,382.03
Total Net Balance	-£58,900.00		-£8,407.97	

Benefits of 20mph Zones Key Points

Safety Improvements:

- A 26% reduction in casualties on urban and village roads in Wales since the national 20mph default was introduced in September 2023.
- On roads that changed from 30mph to 20mph, there's an estimated 37% drop in casualties, which translates to about 630 fewer injuries.

Child Safety:

- A study in London revealed 50% fewer child casualties and a 75% reduction in child fatalities in areas where 20mph zones were implemented.

Collision Reductions:

- The same London study showed 35% fewer collisions in areas with 20mph limits.

Public Health and Environment:

- Lower speeds contribute to reduced noise pollution, better air quality, and encourage active travel like walking and cycling.

TRANSPORT
FOR LONDON

Powerful new long-term TfL research shows 20mph speed limits save lives on London's roads

21 May 2025

TfL undertook analysis of more than 150 20mph schemes implemented between 1989 and 2013, to better understand the impact of the schemes over a longer time period

- Report shows that people killed or seriously injured on borough roads reduced by 34 per cent following implementation of 20mph speed limits
- Lower speed limits play a critical role in the Mayor's Vision Zero goal to eliminate deaths and serious injury on the transport network
- TfL continues to work on lowering speeds on its road network and exceeded its target to lower the speed limit on 140km of roads between March 2020 and March 2024
- Analysis from around the UK suggests that lower speed limits have not increased congestion

"Over the past 30 years London's boroughs have pioneered the widespread use of 20mph speed limits making streets feel safer and be safer for residents and visitors alike"

Jeremy Leach
20's Plenty for Us

Compelling new TfL research that the number of people killed and seriously injured on borough roads in London reduced by 34 per cent following the implementation of the 20mph speed limit between 1989 and 2013. The report, the first of its scale in London, analyses more

than 150 20mph schemes between 1989 and 2013, examining the three-year periods surrounding the implementation of each 20mph scheme.

The evidence in this new report will be instrumental in TfL's work toward achieving the Mayor's Vision Zero goal to eliminate death and serious injury from London's transport network and to enable more walking and cycling in the capital.

TfL carried out this new extensive analysis to fully understand the impact of road safety measures across the city over a longer time span. The report shows that, with the exception of motorcycle fatalities, which did not change, 20mph schemes led to fewer fatalities and less severe injuries across every mode of travel.

The report shows that 20mph schemes significantly reduced the number of deaths and serious injury, including:

A 40 per cent reduction in the number of people killed (from 15 to 9), compared against the background trend of 7 per cent fewer fatalities across borough roads

A 34 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured (from 395 to 260), compared against the background trend of a 15 per cent fall in people killed or seriously injured across borough roads

A 75 per cent reduction in the number of children killed (from 4 to 1), compared with no change across the control group. Additionally, a 50% reduction in children's casualties (from 517 to 280), against the background trend within the control group of 20%.

A 35 per cent reduction in collisions and 36 per cent reduction in casualties on borough roads, against a background trend of 12 per cent fewer collisions and casualties across all borough roads

The report acknowledges other road safety improvement measures implemented between 1989-2013 and recognises that the implementation of 20mph schemes on borough roads is not the sole cause of improved road safety in this time. For this reason, the

report compares against the background trend seen across all borough roads in this period to provide compelling evidence that 20mph schemes reduce the number of casualties regardless of all other road improvement.

The report demonstrates the positive impact of slower speeds on safety and supports the importance of similar measures in future plans to further improve safety in the capital. London boroughs have made excellent progress reducing the default speed limit on their roads to 20mph, with 21 out of 33 boroughs now having a default 20mph speed limit. TfL expects this number to grow in light of the positive impact these schemes are having on collisions. TfL also provides sustained support to London Boroughs through the £87.6m Local Implementation Planning (LIP) funding that was confirmed for 2025-26, which works towards introduction of further 20mph zones and other road safety measures.

London has been leading the way in implementing lower speed limits to cut death and injury on its roads. Since 2018, TfL has introduced more than 264km of 20mph speed limits, and over half of London's roads now have 20mph speed limits. Not only do 20mph schemes reduce the number of fatalities and casualties on the road, they also support more people to walk, wheel and cycle and reduce noise pollution, without impacting air quality or journey times.

TfL is committed to lowering speed limits across London, with plans to continue to roll out 20mph on its road network next year. TfL will also be publishing further research on the impact of 20mph schemes across London.

Speed is the single most important factor in the likelihood and severity of a collision, with collision data showing that the faster a vehicle is travelling, the more likely a collision will occur and the more severe any injury resulting from the collision will be. In 2023, speed was a contributory factor in around half of fatal collisions and over a third of all injury collisions in London. [2]

Walking and Cycling Commissioner Will Norman, said: "This compelling new analysis shows clearly that lowering speeds is saving lives. Every death or serious injury on our roads is one too many. Slower speeds not only protect the most vulnerable, they also help create safer, more welcoming streets, and are a vital part of building a safer London for everyone

"The Mayor and I are proud that London is leading the way with bold, evidence-led action to reduce danger on our roads, and we will continue working to eliminate death and serious injury on the transport network as part of our Vision Zero goal."

Lilli Matson, TfL's Chief Safety Health and Environment Officer said: "It is brilliant to see the long-term analysis in this report. It contains hugely important findings which show the difference that 20mph speed limits have made to road safety in London, and we are able to fully understand the impact of road safety measures across the city over a longer time span. Lower speed limits save lives. We're committed to eliminating unsafe speeds across London, and the analysis in this report reinforces our approach. No death or serious injury on London's streets is acceptable or inevitable, and we are determined that London continues to be at the forefront of making real and lasting change."

Jeremy Leach from 20's Plenty for Us said, "Over the past 30 years London's boroughs have pioneered the widespread use of 20mph speed limits making streets feel safer and be safer for residents and visitors alike. This latest research from TfL backs up other studies that show streets are safer with 20mph speed limits and more people able to walk, wheel and cycle and to be active. We hope that the small number of London's boroughs that have yet to make widespread use of lower speed limits will not miss this chance to bring in 20mph limits on many of their streets and roads."

Newham Councillor Sarah Ruiz, Cabinet member for Environment, Sustainable Transport, Children's Services and Education said: "Reducing the speed of traffic on our roads is essential for making the borough safer for all our residents and encourages our residents to take up the many advantages of switching from cars to sustainable transport, like cycling or walking."

"The statistics are clear the 20 mile an hour limits are saving lives and serious injury and make it safer and more attractive to get about the borough."

Notes to editors

- The research examines an historical timeframe of almost 30 years - covering data 3 years before and after the implementation of each scheme. The research uses the recommended methodological approach to assessing safety interventions in order to ensure robust analysis of the effects of speed reduction interventions.
- TfL has published a 20mph infographic to share the benefits of 20mph in an easy and simple way. The infographic can be found here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/safe-speeds>

- [1] To provide a comparable baseline, the pre- and post-implementation time periods used for the 20mph statistics were used to calculate the background trend figures which formed the control group analysis. Results can be found here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/safe-speeds#:~:text=The%20Vision%20Zero%20Action%20Plan,2024%20%2D%20completed%20in%20December%202023>
- [2] In 2023 almost 50 per cent of the fatal collisions in London reported speed as a contributory factor (using the Department of Transport's recognised contributory factors of 'Exceeding the Speed Limit' and 'Travelling Too Fast for the Conditions'). Road Danger Reduction dashboard on TfL website (page 8): <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/road-safety>
- The report collates collision data from STATS19 to examine the impact of the introduction of 20mph schemes on borough roads. STATS19 is the data collected by the police recording details of road collisions that have resulted in personal injury. Data is collected according to specifications set out by the Department for Transport.
- This study first analyses the impact of 157 20mph schemes that are included in London's Traffic Accident Diary System (TADS) and then implements a control group analysis, comparing the 20mph schemes to changes in the average performance of all borough roads over the same period, to exclude as far as possible the potential impact from other systemic road safety interventions happening at the same time.
- The report only considers schemes delivered by 2013 because in 2016, the Department for Transport changed the way the severity of injuries was recorded. In order to provide a rigorous analytical comparison using the industry standard of three years' collision data before and after schemes were implemented, this report did not look at any schemes introduced after 2013. Our dataset runs until 2013 and not 2016 because we required a full 3 years of monitoring data after implementation of the last 2013 scheme. Ending the analysis in 2013 guarantees consistency and a fair comparison.

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Wales: serious road casualties drop since default 20mph introduction

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New data shows there was a fall in casualties on 20mph and 30mph roads in Wales in the first three months of 2024, after the nation's default 20mph speed limit was introduced.

In September 2023, Wales became the first nation in the UK to introduce a default 20mph speed limit. The change applied to restricted roads only, usually in residential and built-up areas.

The figures, published by the Welsh Government, show 78 people were killed or seriously injured on 20mph and 30mph roads between January and March 2024, compared to 101 in the first quarter of 2023

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That included five fatalities on 20mph and 30mph roads, compared to 11 in the same period in 2023.

The figures also show a 26% reduction for casualties of all severities.

The Welsh government said the data on casualty figures were “encouraging and show things are moving in the right direction”.

A spokesperson said: “We expect data to fluctuate over the next few years as drivers adjust to the new speed. We’ve still got a way to go but every casualty reduced makes a difference.

“The principal objective of the policy has always been to reduce casualties and help people feel safer in their communities and today’s data reinforces we’re on the way to achieving this.”

The figures have been welcomed by 20’s Plenty for Us.

The campaign group also points to research from Esure, with the insurance company finding vehicle damage claims have reduced by 20% since the default 20mph speed limit was introduced in Wales.

Adrian Berendt, community champion for 20’s Plenty for Us, said: “Initial results show the benefit to Welsh communities of safer roads and better places following the implementation of the 20mph default.

“Data from Esure showed how lower speeds led to fewer vehicle damage claims in the last quarter of 2023. Now, we can see from the first six months of the 20mph default how casualties are also reducing.

“20’s Plenty congratulates politicians, local authority representatives and community leaders as well as the vast majority of drivers who have altered their behaviour to make roads in Welsh communities better places to be. Diolch Am 20.”

**3.
New guidance
outlines best
practice for
introduction of
School Streets
schemes**

**4.
National Young
Rider Day
returns to
celebrate young
riders**

**5.
National call for
urgent action on
stigma and
safety of
mobility scooter
users**

**6.
GDL and novice
drivers under
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group warns of
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safety crisis**



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27th May 2025

Mr D Marsden
Business Support
Stonehouse Town council.

Dear Mr Marsden,

Ref – Surfacing Works to install a footpath between the existing footpath to the fence line at the junction of Bristol Road and Downton Road, Stonehouse.

Thank you for your enquiry on the 27th May 2025. We have pleasure in submitting our quotation and hope that it meets with your approval.

To cut joints as necessary.

To remove the rails from the fence and chain link and set aside for use later as discussed.

To excavate the existing surface leaving a construction depth of 180mm carting all excess materials to tip.

To supply and concrete in position 150 x 50mm kerb edging around the area as discussed.

To supply and lay 100mm compacted thickness of Type 1 subbase over the area.

To supply and lay 50mm compacted thickness of AC20 dense binder course, topped with 30mm compacted thickness of AC6 close graded surface course over the area.

The joints of new tarmac against old tarmac would be sealed using bitumen strips.

Cost £1995.00 + VAT

Yours faithfully
For Cotswold Surfacing Co

A K Harvey

All quotes are valid for 60 days from date of quote, then maybe subject to material price increases.



MacDonald SURFACING



Customer:	Stonehouse Town Council			Quote Ref	3003877
Site:	Ship Inn - New Path			Date:	30.05.25
Activity		Quant	Unit	Rate	Total
	Approx. Area: 5m2 Excavate existing spoil & remove from site Install PCCedgings either side of new footway (8 metres) Install 100mm of MOT type 1 stone Supply & lay 70mm of AC6 wearing course				
				Total Ex VAT	£1,850.00

Consultation and Engagement Survey

1. About This Survey

Thank you for taking part in this survey!

We want to ensure all residents, communities and stakeholders in the Stroud district are listened to and can influence the policies and services that affect them. We want to help you understand how and why decisions are made, and how your feedback can influence those decisions.

Your responses will help us gather valuable insights into the priorities of district residents and ensure that our consultation and engagement activity is relevant and meaningful.

The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. **All published results are anonymous.** If you choose to provide personal information for the purposes of keeping you informed, this will never be used in connection with your survey responses. Visit www.stroud.gov.uk/privacy to see how we manage personal information.

All questions are optional. You can skip over any questions you do not wish to answer or select the 'Prefer not to say' option.

If you have any questions about the survey or consultation at the council more broadly, please email policy@stroud.gov.uk.

Before we get started...

What is a consultation?

The Local Government Association defines a consultation as technically any activity that gives local people a voice and an opportunity to influence important decisions. It involves listening to and learning from local people before decisions are made or priorities are set.

Councils sometimes have a statutory requirement to consult their residents and this is especially true for issues such as planning, or redevelopments. Statutory consultations are bound by legal requirements, such as Best Value legislation, and can have strict rules surrounding how they should be conducted.

There are also non-statutory reasons that local authorities may want to conduct a consultation exercise for. These can include:

- to improve planning, policy and decision making
- to make better use of resources
- to access new information, ideas and suggestions
- to encourage greater participation in the activities of the council

- to govern by consent (a full and fair consultation, with careful consideration of all views, can strengthen the legitimacy of the prevailing view among those people not in favour of the final decision)
- to measure residents' satisfaction with the council
- to shape council activities around residents' needs and aspirations

2. In this section we want to find out the ways in which you would like to engage with the council.

1. How do you prefer to receive information about consultations and engagement activities the council is running?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Council website
- ☐ Post
- ☐ Printed materials (e.g. flyers, leaflets and posters)
- ☐ Public meetings
- ☐ Other (please specify):

2. Which method do you prefer for providing feedback on council policies and services?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Online surveys
- ☐ Email

- ☐ Phone call
- ☐ Text
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Post
- ☐ In-person meetings
- ☐ Other (please specify):

3. This section asks about what you would like to engage with the council about and why.

3. How important is it for you to be consulted on decisions that directly affect your local area?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ Very unimportant

4. What types of issues are you most interested in being consulted about?

5. Are there specific projects or initiatives you would like to provide input on?

6. What other topics or issues would you like to see included in future consultations and engagement activities?

7. What motivates you to participate in public consultation?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Impact on the community
- ☐ Personal interest
- ☐ Incentives
- ☐ Other (please specify):

8. What barriers prevent you from participating in consultations and engagement activities?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ I don't know how to participate
- ☐ Lack of time
- ☐ Unclear information
- ☐ Accessibility issues
- ☐ I am not interested/I don't want to participate
- ☐ Other (please specify):

9. Please can you provide some more information on the accessibility barriers that have prevented you from participating in consultations.

We can use this information to ensure our consultations are as accessible to our residents and communities as possible.

Please ignore this question if it does not apply.

4. This section asks about the format in which you would like to see consultation and engagement materials.

10. What type of information do you find most helpful in consultation and engagement materials?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Detailed reports
- ☐ Summary reports
- ☐ Infographics and visual information
- ☐ Videos
- ☐ Other (please specify):

11. What is your preferred language for receiving consultation materials?

- ☐ English
- ☐ Welsh
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Romanian
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ French
- ☐ Other (please specify):

5. This section asks how you would like to find out about consultation results and outcomes.

12. How would you like to receive updates on the results of consultation and engagement activities?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Post
- ☐ Public reports (e.g. Meeting papers on Stroud District Council website)
- ☐ Community meetings
- ☐ Other (please specify):

13. How important is it for you to see how your feedback has been used in decision-making?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Very unimportant

14. Do you have any further comments or feedback you would like to provide about the council's consultation and engagement activity?

6. About You

We want to hear from as many people as possible from all parts of the Stroud district, so that we can understand all viewpoints.

It would be very helpful if you could complete the following 'About You' questions. This will help us to see if people in different areas of the Stroud district and different circumstances have different ideas or priorities.

All questions are optional. You can skip over any questions you do not wish to answer or select the 'Prefer not to say' option.

15. In what capacity are you completing this survey?

- ☐ Resident of the Stroud district
- ☐ Visitor to the Stroud district
- ☐ Local or regional business, Chamber of Commerce or similar, representing the views of a business or group of businesses*
- ☐ Voluntary, third sector group or organisation working with the community, representing views of the organisation*
- ☐ Parish or Town Council, representing the views of the council*
- ☐ Local or regional public sector organisation (local authority, Police, Fire, NHS, etc), representing team or department's views*
- ☐ Leisure activities club, association or similar organisation*
- ☐ Stroud District Council employee
- ☐ Other organisation (please specify):

16. Please provide the name of your organisation if you ticked any of these boxes*

17. If you are a resident, what is your postcode? (We are asking this to understand if residents have different requirements in different parts of the district, and to be sure we have heard from people in all areas of the district).

If you do not have a fixed address, do not wish to share your postcode, or this question is not relevant to you, please skip this question.

7. About You

18. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 13
- ☐ 13 - 16
- ☐ 16 - 17
- ☐ 18 - 24
- ☐ 25 - 34
- ☐ 35 - 44
- ☐ 45 - 54
- ☐ 55 - 64
- ☐ 65 - 74
- ☐ 75 +
- ☐ Prefer not to say

19. What is your sex?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Prefer not to say

20. Do you have a long-term health condition or disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

21. What is your gender identity?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Transgender Woman
- ☐ Transgender Man
- ☐ Other (please specify):

22. What is your ethnicity?

- ☐ White British
- ☐ White Irish
- ☐ White Other
- ☐ Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- ☐ Asian/Asian British
- ☐ Mixed/Multiple Ethnicities
- ☐ Gypsy/Roma/Irish Traveller
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify):

8. Next Steps and Staying Involved

On this page, you can sign up to receive email updates about Stroud District Council and you can also sign up to receive updates about other council surveys or to take part in future focus groups.

23. If you would like to sign up, please select the options you are interested in and provide your details.

Your contact details will be used solely for the purpose of keeping you informed about the things you chose by ticking the boxes on this page.

You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting policy@stroud.gov.uk.

- ☐ I would like to receive email updates about Stroud District Council
- ☐ I would like to sign up to receive more information about council surveys and consultations
- ☐ I would like to register an interest in future Stroud District Council focus groups

If you have ticked any of the above, please provide your name and email address:

24. Name

25. Email address

Transport and Highways Group Meeting Minutes and actions**Date:** Wednesday, 21st May 2025 **Time:** 15:00**Location:** Town Hall**1. Welcome and Apologies**

- Present Carlos Novoth, Gary Wilson (Highways), Cllr John Parker, Cllr Keren Capeling, Cllr Dean Botterill, Cllr Simon Macgregor.
- Apologies Cllr Keith Terry, Cllr Marcus Dixon

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Noted

3. Legacy Items List

- Actions needed to complete outstanding items updated with latest information

4. Faded or Missing Yellow Lines in Stonehouse

- Request urgent re-marking at:
 - Upper Queen's Road,
 - Rosedale Avenue
 - Oak Way
 - Verney Road
- Importance of visibility to enable enforcement by traffic wardens

ACTION

Carlos to email the Parking Team to chase up the relining work and request an update on when it will be completed

5. Shared Space and Restricted Zone

- Concerns about driver understanding of pedestrian priority
- Proposal to review the area for:
 - Improved signage
 - Possible redesign or awareness campaign

ACTION

Gary to request a safety review from Gloucestershire County Council for the shared space area. Arrange a site visit to assess improvements to signage for better driver awareness and priority understanding. Also, investigate the resurfacing of the red tarmac to enhance the visibility of the shared space zone.

6. **Feeder Road Safety and Cycle Infrastructure**

- Safety concerns remain unaddressed
- Update requested on previously proposed cycle-friendly redesign (promised 3 years ago)

ACTION

Gary To contact Major Projects Team

7. **419 Downton Road Junction**

- Ongoing issues with speeding and traffic noise
- Impact of vehicles pushing into traffic
- Request for traffic calming measures or further assessment

ACTION

STC to Raise with GCC Projects team No accidents but two incidents in last five years

8. **Pedestrian Crossing at Bonds Mill**

- Suggestion: Add a repeater light in the central island to improve visibility and safety
- Consideration of pedestrian safety improvements

ACTION

Dean to Chase up GCC

9. **Lime Trees Adjacent to Memorial Green**

- Concerns over lifted pavement and sticky sap affecting bench use in summer
- Proposal to remove existing lime trees

ACTION

Further discussion needed

10. **Any other Business**

Yellow lines in Stonehouse are more needed.

Railway commuters causing issues parking on streets near station.

ACTION

Further discussion needed possible survey of those effected

Transport and Highways Legacy items list Updated 21st May 2025

☒ In Progress / Pending Response				
Item	Topic	Owner	Current Status	Next Steps
1	Carriageway Lettering near Horsetrough Roundabout	Gary Wilson	Road Safety Team to be consulted, quote to be obtained	Gary to chase up
2	High Street / Regent Street Parking (Out of Hours)	Carlos Novoth	Email to be sent to parking Team asking for evidence of out of hours enforcement	Follow up with Parking Team
3	Horsemarling Lane / Brook Bank Flood Damage	Gary Wilson	Trial hole planned; major works under discussion	Gary to Follow up
4	Upper Mills Cycle Track Signage	Simon Macgregor	Need clarification on location	Email Cllr Dixon for Location
5	Hedge Cutting on Ebley Road	STC	Hedge Owned by school	Monitor situation Email School Raise Fix my Street
6	Road Sign Washing	Carlos Novoth / Gary Wilson	Awaiting list from Carlos; feasibility to be reviewed	Review feasibility once list received
7	Weeds – Gaps Around Posts	Carlos Novoth / Gary Wilson	Awaiting What3Words locations; scheduling post-April 2025	Carlos to get Locations

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Awaiting Development or Further Action

Item Topic	Owner Notes	Next Steps
8 Accessibility Study	STC Priority list to be created	Develop priority list
9 Co-op Parking Visibility	STC Planter allowed (<600mm), covered by STC insurance	STC To Progress
10 Oldends Lane Parking Hazards (play area)	STC Visibility review needed	Conduct review
11 Main Car Park (Long-stay bays)	STC To be discussed at future meeting	Schedule discussion in future meeting
12 Horsetrough Roundabout Landscaping & Sculpture	STC Awaiting STC proposals to send to Gary	Formulate proposals and consult Gary
13 20mph Speed Zone Extension	STC New TRO needed – confirmed	To be discussed at STC

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<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed / Resolved Items </div>				
Item	Topic	Owner	Status	Next Steps
14	Burdett Road Parking (Corners)	Gary Wilson	Yellow lines not proposed; residents didn't raise in consultation	No further action unless raised again
15	Arrowsmith Drive Adoption Status	Gary Wilson	Confirmed: Entire road adopted except bottom section	None
16	Downton Road Closures (62-bus access)	Carlos Novoth	Alternative stop deemed sufficient by Stagecoach—no reroute	None
17	A419 Speed Limit Signage Feeder Lane	Gary Wilson	3 incorrect signs identified and removed	none

Recreation Working Group - 23rd May 2025

Present: Cllrs Neil Gibbs (Convenor), Simon Macgregor, Theresa Watt

Cllrs decided to conduct a full site visit of all the council's recreation facilities on **Thurs 3rd July @ 14.00.**

There is currently £16K in allocated reserves, plus a currently unknown amount of S.106 monies from the Bristol Road housing development.

1.Dog fouling

Dog fouling of recreation areas is a recognised issue for the community. The site visit will examine existing signage and identify possible improvements. Positions and provision of dog bins will also be surveyed.

Recommend that dog fouling be raised in the next Stonehouse News.

Recommend that the use of the GCC "Fix my Street" application be widely advertised in Stonehouse News and on Website/Facebook. (Fix my Street also encompasses dog fouling as well as highways issues, so is a good vehicle for the public to report issues to all the local authorities responsible).

2.Boules court at Laburnam

Cllr Gibbs reports that the boules court has a very poor playing surface and is not ideal, hence it's probably not being used to its full extent.

Recommend that quotations be obtained to compact and properly dress the playing surface to a high standard.

3.Skate Park at Oldends

Cllr Macgregor reports he has been approached by partially sighted users who have complained the surface does not have good visibility for the visually impaired.

Action - Cllr Macgregor will approach the RNIB for advice.

4.Arrowsmith Drive -toddler play area

It was agreed the upper play area aimed at toddlers currently leaves a lot to be desired. It currently only has 3 springy rides installed by the original developer.

Recommend that local consultation be undertaken in Arrowsmith Drive area.

Possible options:

Remove play area and install wildflower and woodland area as part of the arboretum project (Expensive option)

Upgrade and improve existing play equipment (Cheaper option - retaining existing boundary, etc).

5. Signage at recreation grounds (issue raised by Cllr Callinan).

This will be looked at during the full estate survey in July.

6. An update on the drainage issues at Oldends was given. This is being actioned by the Oldends W.G. so no actions required.