

Leonard Stanley Parish Council

Planning Policy

The Council's remit is to consider and record observations on planning applications in accordance with the Stroud District Local Plan and to relay such observations direct to the appropriate Planning Authority in time for them to be taken into account by the Planning Authority in its decision.

- The Council supports development which is sympathetic to the village environment i.e. style, materials, windows and finishes. Where new development, or alterations or extensions to existing development are proposed, the Council will seek to ensure that it blends sympathetically with the surrounding area.
- The Council supports the installation of renewable energy sources and/or those which minimise the use of fossil fuels, providing such systems take account of the impact on the local environment, in particular the visual impact on the surrounding countryside and the built environment.
- The Council supports appropriate development of affordable housing within the settlement boundaries.
- Current planning applications requiring consideration will be circulated to at least three Councillors, to include the Chair. The public are welcome to attend Council meetings and may bring to the Council's attention to any matters of concern about an application either in writing at any time up to three clear days of the Council meeting or verbally during the public part of the meeting. The Clerk will email notification of current planning applications to all Councillors.
- Councillors with a personal and prejudicial interest in an application should declare this and take no further part. All other Councillors will be invited to comment in their place.
- In the event of an application requiring a response before a scheduled meeting, the Council's response will be considered by at least three Councillors, to include the Chair and submitted by the specified date. The response will be reported at the next full Council meeting.
- The Council will consider all planning applications based on their individual circumstances and merits. Site visits will be undertaken and public opinion sought as appropriate and taken into consideration when formulating the Council's response.
- All Councillors are encouraged to study planning applications on the Stroud District Council website www.stroud.gov.uk

- The Chair will summarise the Council's response. In the absence of the Chair, the Clerk will summarise the response. Responses will be available for viewing on the above website and a printed copy will be retained by the Clerk.

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