

Planning Report MARCH 2025

Planning applications to be considered:-

i. S.25/0058/FUL Land Adjacent To Lyndon Morgan Way
22 no. new dwellings, with associated roads & sewers.

ii. S.25/0274/HHOLD The Firs, Bath Road
Erection of extensions.

The following Planning application has been approved:

S.24/2297/LBC Yew Tree Cottage, Church Road
Installation of internal damp proofing.

The following Planning applications are still pending:

S.24/1165/FUL Land North Of Bath Road, Bath Road
Erection of 34 low carbon dwellings including 10 affordable units, vehicular access off Bath Road, and associated public open space including a community orchard, landscaping and infrastructure.

S.25/0123/HHOLD 5 Church Road
Erection of single storey rear extension.

Important Local Planning Updates

The Planning Inspector has recommended that Stroud District Council withdraw its Local Plan Review from the Examination in Public process. In response, SDC is preparing a detailed technical report, which will be published on the council's website in due course. See the official press release from SDC: Stroud District Council News.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been revised, with key changes including:

- The reintroduction of mandatory housing targets.
- The restoration of the five-year housing supply requirement.
- New regulations concerning Green Belt and Grey Belt land.
- The annual housing target for Stroud District has increased from 620 to 820 homes.

SDC now reports only 3.6 years of housing supply, which falls significantly short of the required five-year supply plus buffer.

As a result, open spaces—particularly those on the outskirts of settlements—are increasingly vulnerable to speculative development. Leonard Stanley, classified as a Tier 3 settlement, has previously been deemed sustainable by Planning Inspectors. This means that planning applications previously protected under the Local Plan could now be approved, as the tilted balance is likely to favour developers—where the benefits of additional housing are deemed to outweigh environmental harm.