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Dear Madam

Stroud Railway Station Access for All Bid

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) supports the ongoing work being carried out by Integrated Transport Planning (ITP) working with Stroud Town Council (STC) to improve access to Stroud Railway station. GCC officers have met with ITP and STC to discuss proposals to improve this important area of the town to provide a safe and pleasant environment particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. An enhanced forecourt design along with appropriate works on the surrounding roads will provide a more positive first impression to visitors to the town arriving by train as well as benefitting residents by improving access.

A fully accessible railway station will improve linkages from the town centre to the canal area which is currently bisected by the South Cotswold line. This point is emphasised in the Adopted Stroud Town Centre Neighbourhood Development Plan (2016) which has a specific policy on the railway land/Cheapside car parks area. Policy ZP3 seeks amongst other things to improve linkages across the town as well as optimising redevelopment opportunities in the town for the social and economic benefit of local people.

The Adopted Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan 2015 – 2031 (LTP) states that: "Stroud and Stonehouse stations need upgrading. In particular, Stroud requires a new Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant footbridge, upgrading of station facilities and increased car parking." The following two schemes are in the LTP's short term proposals (unfunded):

- Improve station facilities and access (e.g. footbridge)
- Increase and improve cycle parking

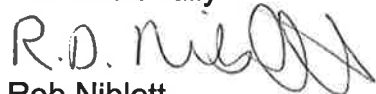
Stroud Railway Station enhancements is also one of the countywide long term capital projects delivery priorities (also unfunded).



GCC supports Stroud Town Council's bid for Stroud railway station to be selected for funding in the latest round of Access for All.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss any matters further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Rob Niblett

Planning Officer