

To Great Western Railway

Gloucestershire Conservatives
Stroud team
1143 Regent Court
Gloucester Business Park
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28th September 2018

Dear Sirs

Stroud Railway Station – disabled access funding nomination

We are aware that the Department for Transport announced £300m of funding to improve access at railway stations nationwide.

We the undersigned confirm our support for Great Western Railway to nominate Stroud railway station and bid for funding to improve disabled access.

You will note that a significant amount of work has gone into demonstrating the need for improvements to the railway station and such matters have wide public support. In addition to the recent online petition, the Stroud Neighbourhood Development plan dated 27th October 2016, includes a commitment to improve disabled access at Stroud Station¹. It should be noted that local people voted in the official referendum on 18th August 2016 with 91% approving the plan². This should be taken into account as a measure of support for improvements to the station.

The Neighbourhood committee has since engaged an independent audit of the facilities from the perspective of a wheelchair user and commissioned a film about the station to highlight the issues³.

Improved facilities will make a huge difference for disabled train users, parents with pushchairs, people with luggage and elderly passengers. The current 'step free' arrangements are insufficient and require the aforementioned passengers to take an extensive journey across roads.

Yours faithfully

Stroud Town Council

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Gloucestershire County Council

Cllr Stephen Davies (also District)

Cllr Loraine Patrick

Cllr Keith Rippington

Cllr Brian Tipper (also District)

Parliamentary Candidate for Stroud

Siobhan Baillie

Stroud District Council

Cllr Nigel Cooper (Leader)

Cllr Gordon Craig

Cllr Chas Fellows

Cllr Julie Job

Stroud District Council

Cllr Haydn Jones

Cllr John Jones

Cllr Darren Loftus

Cllr Phil McAsey

Cllr Dave Mossman

Cllr Gill Oxley

Cllr Keith Pearson

Cllr Mark Reeves

Cllr Tom Skinner

Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

Cllr Haydn Sutton

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Cllr Deborah Young

¹ [Stroud.gov.uk/media/208653/ndp-64-web-version.pdf](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/208653/ndp-64-web-version.pdf) – see page 39 Policy AP3

² Neighbourhood Development plan website: Shapingtheheartstroud.org

³ <http://www.accessglos.co.uk/stroud-train-station/>