



Stroud District Council

Localism Act 2011

**Approval of
Nomination for
Community Asset**

Applicant:

Stroud Town Council
Thanet House
58 London Road
Stroud
Gloucestershire
GL5 2AD

Planning Ref:2024/0005/ASSETC

Application Date: 23/04/2024

Dated: 17/07/2024

Description of Land

Stroud County Branch Library, Lansdown, Stroud, Gloucestershire

Description of Nomination

Asset of community value nomination for Stroud Library.
Stroud Town Council 385203 205346

The Council must consider whether the former Stroud Library meets the definition of an Asset of Community Value as set out in section 88 of the Localism Act. Section 88(6) defines social interests as being cultural, recreational and sporting.

As the library has now transferred to a new location the application must be considered against paragraph 2 as shown above. The application fulfils sub paragraph (a), in that it had an actual use within the recent past that furthered the social well-being and interests of the local community in its capacity as a library

No plan for an alternative use for the site has been put forward by the current owners. The application states that "The former Library site can be given a new lease of life and can be a social benefit to the community by becoming a community building, art gallery, or an opportunity to test local interest and support for an innovative new project" and given the civic nature and location of the building, there is no reason to think that this couldn't be the case within the next 5 years.

DECISION

For the reasons given above, it is considered that the application complies with all legal prerequisites as set out earlier in this report. It is therefore appropriate to include the former Stroud Branch Library in the list of Assets of Community Value. The nomination is approved.

**Proper Officer of the
Council**

Duly Authorised in that behalf