

Local Plan Review
The Planning Strategy Team
Stroud District Council
Ebley Mill
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14 January 2020

Dear Sirs

Re: Local Plan Review

I do not support the Council's preferred strategy for meeting Stroud District's future growth and development needs.

It makes no sense to be planning to provide over 2000 more new homes than the minimum requirement. The population growth forecast figures do not support even the minimum.

The Plan does not reflect the wishes of the public from earlier consultations which is for dispersement and not massive sites. Wisloe has come into the latest plan as an easy solution for planners rather than going back to earlier submissions to look at dispersal. Most villages would benefit from small local developments particularly with some affordable homes to help young people stay in the same area. Slimbridge has a site for 50 homes and there are other ones within the parish. It must be possible to find similar ones in most villages.

The Wisloe development will result in Slimbridge becoming part of the large urban sprawl of Dursley and Cam. Such coalescence goes against all good planning practice.

Building 3000 new homes in Cam and Wisloe will put significant extra strain on the A4135 and A38 as most residents will be commuting by car to work in Bristol or Gloucester/Cheltenham, where all the employment is. It would be more sensible to put the houses closer to the employment and nearer to the motorway junctions.

The Wisloe site will have serious issues with both noise and air pollution due to the combined effect of the M5, A38, A4135 and the railway. Where the M5 is elevated it will not be possible to reduce noise levels to within legal limits.

The site is excellent farming land which provides open space for lapwings and curlews. How do you justify destroying this land?

Covering the site with houses will cause significant run off of water and increase the risk of flooding. Slimbridge has had serious issues with run off and sewerage and there is nothing to guarantee these won't be made worse.

I am very concerned how the massive increase in population will affect access to local services, particularly schools and doctors. Secondary schools are at capacity. There are no assurances to address this.

The Wisloe site is not needed and a wanton destruction of rural countryside which goes against your own planning principles.

Yours faithfully

Stroud District Council
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