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Dear Sir

I would like the Council to know that I do not support the proposed development for the Wisloe area. I took the time to review the proposals at the meeting held in Slimbridge and could not actually believe the scale of the proposal.

I am very unhappy for the following reasons :-

- 1 The Ernest Cook Trust that currently owns this land and a substantial amount of land in the Berkeley Vale, prides itself on conservation and management of the countryside. This was one of the factors that appealed to me when I moved to the area 25 years ago, assuming that it would never be sold for housing as the farms in the area are tenanted. Having now lived in the area and know the farms that will lose a great deal of their profitable land, I cannot believe that the Trustees allow this land to be sold
- 2 Our tiny communities of Cam, Wisloe, Gossington, Slimbridge and Cambridge will practically end up as one. This is very poor planning practice and surely not within government policy ?
- 3 The proposed development will lead to a substantially higher volume of traffic on the A38 and consequently getting onto the M5. The traffic light system at Junction 14 which is switched off in busy periods to ease congestion – already gets busy in the morning rush hour. (Those traffic lights being a complete waste of tax payers money). There will be an increase at that junction anyway due to the development in Falfield and Berkeley. Has there been any analysis of the effect any further development will have on this already busy junction ?
- 4 Not only will there be an increase in motor vehicles but a huge increase in cyclists and walkers in and around the lanes in Gossington and Slimbridge since residents from the development have the M5 the other side of them. Not so long ago I received a “Quiet Lanes” letter asking for volunteers to assist with making our lanes safer and quieter – which frankly is useless if the Council then decide to bring in thousands more people to the area.
- 5 The pollution / noise /light levels will substantially increase. I am already concerned that living quite close to the M5 and A38 isn't particularly healthy but have any steps been taken to measure / check pollution / noise levels for future residents of the proposed housing development who will basically be sandwiched between the M5 and A38 ?
- 6 Over the years I have seen a lot of flooding in our parish. I am aware that Seven Trent Water have schemes to try and alleviate these problems but surely introducing a development more than three times the size of the existing Parish communities would threaten existing properties in this low lying floodplain.
- 7 The proposed development at Sharpness will help to improve the surrounding area as much of it is wasteland, It isn't prime agricultural land as in Wisloe. Where development improves a large area I understand that it is very beneficial to the existing community, however, where development is carried out on beautiful unspoilt prime land this makes no sense and cannot be allowed.

I understand the need for additional housing, however, I ask the Council to reconsider this particularly large development proposal. Small developments integrated into the separate communities of Cam, Wisloe, Slimbridge, Gossington and Cambridge would surely be a better solution even though it may cost the developer a lot more money than blitzing a beautiful part of our countryside.

I cannot accept this is the only solution available

Yours Faithfully

