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Dear Planning Strategy Team
Wisloe Proposed Development

I am writing to object to the proposed Development, within the Slimbridge Parish Conocil area, of some 1500 houses which is some three times the number of existing houses within the parish.

The area to be covered by this proposed development is only about one third of the total of the whole of the Slimbridge area and may well be less. The land to be used is virtually all Green field site, which is in direct opposition to the Governments thinking.

During the recent general election the Prime Minister stated that all development must be on Brown field sites, and he was not referring to plowed fields This was repeated in Prime Minister question time on the 8 January this year.

All the area owned by the Gloucestershire County Council and the Earnest Cook Trust is all good agricultural land, and is all well used at present. As I understand it the object of the Earnest Cook Trust is to ENCOURAGE learning from the land. How on earth can building houses on green fields encourage the use of Rural activities, unless you include bricklaying. Then this would only be a one off situation. Encouraging rural activities is a continuing progress over many Generations, and I am sure it did not mean tending to house gardens , which is now days a reluctant chore. The other part owners of the intended land is the County Council who in our Democratic society are servants to the the people who live within their area, and surely are responsible for their welfare, and can be removed from office in an election.

Both the M5 and the A38 are very busy at most time of the day, and the situation is becoming worse, and the noise from both is increasing, something I have noticed in the three years I have lived in this area. To add a further three hundred vehicles, at a minimum, to the three roads is not helping the noise level or the environment.

We require as many green fields areas as possible, not reducing them. This proposal will do nothing to assist our efforts to reduce Global warming.

What consideration has been given to the effect on the wild life in the area? I have witnessed Shelducks, Owls, Storks, and many woodland birds. All of which will not remain if there are no green fields on which to feed, and trees or hedges in which to roost or nest. Bats have also been sighted.

The Stroud area is officially designated a Rual Area, and there for should be retained as such. This does not mean that new housing cannot be developed, but it must be in moderation, and not as the numbers in the present proposal is suggesting. Small areas scatted around the area are acceptable, but not one very large construction site.

Land drainage is very poor and the water table is very close to the surface, especially at this time year. Covering the area with concrete is only going to make the situation worse. This area is a very wet weather area, so where is the water to run to?

No sir. Please think again. Small developments are one thing, quadrupling the number is just ridiculous.

Yours faithfully in anticipation,
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