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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Emerging Plan: planning proposal for PS29

Dear Sir

Re planning proposal for PS29

I would like to suggest that future housing development is located in the Cam area and not on this side of Dursley.

My reasons for this are as follows:

Key issues 1

1. In the key issues 1 of the planning documents it is stated that housing sites for development should have suitable transport and infrastructure facilities. This condition would not be met as people would need to travel through Dursley for work and education. Dursley town centre is already congested as an access route.
2. Limited work options in Dursley mean that people need to commute. Families often require 2 cars for this, and if adult children are living at home, more, to allow them to get to work, college, social and sometimes school. The overcrowded parking situation at the recently developed Littledown estate demonstrates this especially in the evenings. Parking and road access are very restricted. A new estate of 80 or maybe more houses in the future would make this situation even worse.
3. There has been a lot more traffic using Uley as a through route as a response to increased housing in Dursley. Most of the village facilities in Uley are located or accessed via The Street, the main road through the village. These include the doctor, the school, the village shop, the village hall, the church and the pub. Often the main road is restricted to single lane passing when cars park to use these facilities. If cars park on both sides of the road visibility for entering the road from houses and side streets can be restricted and dangerous, especially near the surgery. There has been one accident here in the last month. Crossing the road at busy times also has safety issues.
4. I have counted vehicles passing the village shop every 2 to 5 seconds between about 7.30 to 9.00 in the mornings and approximately every 5 to 15 seconds at other busy times of day. Using the village to get to Stroud rather than the A38 and A road into Stroud would increase if the housing is built on the Uley side of Dursley as well as more traffic going through the town centre.

Key issues 2 and 4

These stated that the plans would safeguard rural areas, keep open spaces, areas for recreation and protect habitats. The development at PS 29 would be on farm land and not brownfield areas. It is used by local residents for recreation. Most significantly if started could be extended or even have alternative development in areas marked DUR 10 to 13 which include an area of AONB at DUR11.

Developments at Cam as an alternative to those at PS29 and adjacent sites would avoid increasing the traffic congestion through Dursley, meet criteria for using the M5 corridor for access to services, jobs and facilities, protect greenfield sites and wildlife habitats. It would also help to keep traffic levels in Uley to present levels and not increase the safety issues.

I hope this is a useful comment on the planning discussions. Please can you send me confirmation of your receipt of this email.

Regards

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