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Dear Sir or Madam

I enclose some comments on the recent Local Plan consultation. I apologise that I did not get these to you sooner but due to injury I was unable to complete these earlier.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Stroud Planning Strategy Team

I apologise for the late submission of these comments but due to an injury I was unable to deal with this earlier.

I would like to make the following comments and observations relating to the consultation document:

### **1 Wotton-under-Edge (p60):**

Some of the areas indicated as having future potential are ones which lie outside the Settlement Development Limits and are being strongly contested by the local community eg Holywell Farm. Given that Stroud Planning Department are, themselves, opposing this, there appears to be inconsistencies in the documentation.

The above would also fall within Q2.4b where there is a clear need to protect an area which is adjacent to the Cotswold Way and part of the highly attractive initial scenic impression visitors, and locals, have when approaching the Town.

It is important that the principles of AONB and Development limits are maintained in order to avoid aggressive development.

Wotton does need to develop as an attractive Town to bring more visitors in, especially capitalising on its position on the Cotswold Way.

The parking issues need to be addressed but not by installing another carpark in the same area as most of the current parking. Imaginative alternative options need to be explored.

Also, in order to encourage new businesses, there should be efforts made to enable these to start on relatively short term leases.

Finally, all development should be managed in conjunction with neighbouring Authorities to avoid overwhelming local facilities such as schools, medical services etc and with a clear awareness of traffic flow issues in Wotton itself.

### **2. Stroud**

The Stroud Farmers Market is a big attraction and your first point of marketing the town as a centre for arts & crafts, food etc seems a good one.

Capitalising on the canal side opportunities is a good one and extending cycle path opportunities should be considered.

I would also suggest that the opportunity to install turbines in the areas where there were mills could help generate local power.

### **Question 2.3**

I think that it could be good to have some industrial development near the M5 but this should be done sympathetically and should be devised to ease industrial access. Small industry should be encouraged on a local basis but should depend on a careful analysis of the locality, traffic flow issues and helping to minimise work travel miles.

**Q 2.3a**

What the area needs are more modestly priced properties – not the large high profit ones being built which simply boost developers’ pockets, but not the communities.

Self-build needs support but, I suspect that many are put off by the planning involved – more help and sympathetic treatment is needed.

Finally, with longer term changes facing the UK, it is likely that there will be a need to expand some of our farming activities so care should be taken not to sacrifice farmland for the sake of development.

Yours sincerely

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