FAO Stroud District Council: Objections to Proposed Wisloe Garden Village -

Dear Stroud District Council,

I am writing to you regarding the proposal to develop a site called 'Wisloe Garden Village' in the parish of Slimbridge. I am stating my objections to the development on the following grounds:

- Stroud District Council have previously asked residents about our views for future housing development, the
 results showed that development was preferred to happen throughout the county not just in one location. The
 'Wisloe Garden Village' proposal is for 1500 properties which directly contradicts and opposes the views of us
 residents, when our wishes should be considered highly.
- The 'Wisloe Garden Village' and similar Cam proposed developments will result in the two parishes joining. Coalescence, the merging of two areas, completely contradicts good planning principles: resulting in urban sprawl and the reduction of green areas which has detrimental effects on our environment.
- The Stroud District is a rural area of outstanding beauty, containing the renown Severn Vale. The mass size of this
 development will be viewable from Stinchcombe Hill, leaving an obvious comment regarding its disfigurement on
 the local countryside. Ruining this beauty will have a significant impact on the local economy: the prices of
 houses will lower; local tourism will decrease due to the appeal of visiting the area being removed as the
 proposed estates will blemish the landscape.
- The local area has records of sightings of extremely rare birds, as reported by 'The British trust for Ornithology': these birds are highly protected due to their conservation status. These species, alongside other wildlife in the area, will be put at risk by the development: their habitats will be destroyed and their resources for survival will be diminished.
- Noise levels, acknowledged in recent surveys by proposers of the development, are a significant issue particularly south of the Slimbridge round-a-bout. With 1500 proposed houses for this development, there is no doubt that the area will have well-above legal levels of noise: another problem which the local government will have to address.
- The area already has a reputation for drainage problems. The sewage plant in Coaley already struggles to support the thousands of homes that it was originally intended to meet, surely the addition of 1500 houses will overload our already spent sewage plant causing detriment to the hygiene of the local area if sewage floods. Further, the slightest of rain causes Dursley Road to flood as well, already making the road unsafe. Building extra properties will put both existing and new homes at risk of flooding as the fields which normally support water drainage have become otherwise occupied with houses. Both will be extremely harmful to the health of residents.
- For thirty years, the field which is proposed to be developed on has been classed as Grade 2: good agricultural land that should not be built on. Upon receiving a study by the development proposers, the land has been classed as Grade 3B: permitting development. I truly believe that this should be questioned as to its accuracy due to the sudden change in status. Development proposers are known to falsify information in reports for their own financial gain and I do not doubt the occurrence of malpractice in this instance.
- Gloucester City Council and the Ernest Cooke Trust have displayed an appalling back-track on their own ethos
 and beliefs regarding this development, by allowing even the suggestion of developing land that should be
 countryside. Both should be truly ashamed of their involvement in this proposed development and the lack of
 trust they have now caused residents to have in their local government.

May I add, at my age of 21, this village has been all I've lived in and known my entire life. I have so many happy memories of this area in its true countryside form which you are tearing away from me. Tearing away from other residents alike too.

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Resident of:				

Regards,