

Re: proposed development of Wisloe/Cambridge/Slimbridge area

Dear Sirs,

I am unable to understand the reasoning behind the blind stupidity of SDC plans for this area.

It is wrong on almost all levels which makes it almost impossible to pick out any specific single factor.

Do we need this level of new housing to be built in this area? The figures are well in excess of the Government requirement so what on earth is your thinking here? If any.

Why here, when the favoured options for new housing were that they should be dispersed using brownfield land and not lumped into one convenient greenfield site.

Why are you even looking at this greenfield site and ignoring the fact that the landowners original survey finding this is grade 3b land and not Grade 2 has been acknowledged as flawed?

As someone who already lives in this corridor of the Severn Vale I can confirm that the current noise and pollution are already at unacceptable levels for residents and yet you propose to try and put huge numbers of houses even closer to the M5 & A38. Why?

You intend to ruin our rural communities, the AONB and further damage our wildlife, not to mention the visual impact of all this housing from our wonderful local viewpoints. Again Why?

The biggest question is probably how are you going to ensure our water quality and make sure that this natural flood plain does not simply flood? With global warming having a destructive impact worldwide you only have to look at what has happened this week in Germany and other parts of Europe to realise that is a disaster waiting to happen. This area is a flood plain for Heavens sake! Do you not understand what that means? Or is it not important what misery will be caused by flooding in this area in the future as long as SDC reach their housing quota?

Another factor is how are you proposing to alleviate the problems of the increased A38 traffic plus access to it, and what happens when the motorway is closed due to an accident? We already know all too well in Cambridge that we are unable to get out of our homes when the A38 become jammed due to motorway closure and with all the increased traffic it will become a huge car park rather than a highway.

Please, please reconsider this unacceptable and unworkable plan. It is totally horrendous and unworthy of the SDC green ethos you promote.