



The Planning Strategy Team
Stroud District Council
Ebley Mill
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Dear Planners

Local Plan: Publication Stage Representation

My representation relates to Paragraphs 3.1.8 to 3.1.10, Policy No PS05, Policy Map PS05 (including land PS05a)

I do not consider the Plan is sound for the following reasons:

The Glebe Estate

1. The additional traffic during the building work and subsequently will increase air and noise pollution in an already built-up estate.
2. Access is on narrow roads not designed for heavy traffic, along which many residents have no off-road parking, reducing the space yet more. Additional traffic will be a danger to children playing in the area, the disabled and elderly from George Pearce House, and pedestrians. Health and safety of existing residents should a priority.
3. A large proportion of housing on the Glebe is devoted to the elderly and disabled. The additional traffic generated by this project would be an extra hazard.

Schooling does not appear to have been taken into account. Is the local primary school able to take on the additional children that will need education? If not, considerable additional travel will be entailed to other schools which will not be fair to the children, or environmentally friendly.

We strongly believe that development should be on brown field sites first, eg Dark Mills in the parish of Minchinhampton.

On the question of traffic, Butt Street has been described by a resident as like living on Piccadilly Circus because of the already heavy use of this road, without the addition of a further 80 families. The narrow single file part of Butt Street is already a serious problem. Yet more traffic will turn it into a nightmare for everyone. Serious accidents have occurred in the past. Drivers get very aggressive on occasion and extra traffic would exacerbate it further. Buses find it extremely difficult negotiating the High Street already.

There is no evidence that Minchinhampton needs this number of extra houses.

It will be even more hazardous for the cattle who freely roam the streets of Minchinhampton for six months of the year. They are a welcome sight to many of us but can cause traffic problems. The additional cars 80 new properties will generate will make it worse. Development should be on sites where they do not increase existing problems.

As residents of the Glebe estate, we are very concerned about this proposed development and fear it will be detrimental to our lives and the lives of our neighbours.

Yours faithfully

