

Local Plan Review

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Dr Sir(s),

I am writing with reference to proposed developments in Minchinhampton : PSOS East of Tobacconist Road.

This is following my visit to the Planning Strategy Display held at The Hub in Minchinhampton and reading most of the review on line.

I would firstly like to comment on how well the presentation has been done. A lot of thought and work has gone into constructing the plan, which I realise is subject to certain constraints.

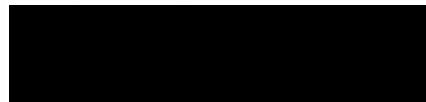
With regard to the above development, I would like to make the following points :

- ① The site is outside the settlement boundary of Minchinhampton.
- ② Minchinhampton is not a sustainable location for development because of both lack of employment and poor public transport.
- ③ Additional 100+ homes would put a strain on the existing infrastructure of Minchinhampton - on its school, surgery, parking etc. Traffic and parking are already serious issues in Minchinhampton and there would be particular difficulty in accessing the site from Tobacconist Road.
- ④ The loss of the only campsite in Minchinhampton is contrary to national planning policy to protect leisure and tourism facilities.

⑤ The site is I believe in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Having considered the options for housing development, Option 1 is probably our preferred one.

Yours faithfully

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