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Dear Sirs

I would like to state that I do not support Stroud District Council's latest Local Plan & in particular object to the planned development of around 1500 houses at so-called 'Wislöe Green'

I have lived in Cambridge for over 50 years. Volume of traffic ^{on A38} has always been a problem, alleviated for a short time by the construction of the M5 Motorway. High levels of development in Cam, Dursley & further afield, loss of employment in agriculture & in small towns like Dursley, have increased traffic with workers now commuting to Gloucester, Cheltenham & Bristol etc. At rush hours it is very difficult & dangerous to cross the A38 & also to access it. How much worse it will be if 'Wislöe Green' is approved. Each household will have at least one car. It will be gridlock.

The developers claim that residents will walk or cycle to Cam & Dursley Station to get to work. Anyone who

who lived here will tell you that next to Long
no-one walks or cycles to Cam Station. If they
drive here is only a small car park, commuter
trains are small & packed. In fact only around
1% of the local population travel to work by
train thus increasing pressure on the roads.

A Junior school is the only additional
facility shown on the development plans. Secondary
education is not mentioned & pressure on
other services is not addressed. Medical
facilities for instance will be over-
stretched. It is already difficult to see
your own GP & the queues at pharmacies get
ever longer. Facilities & infrastructure
need to be in place before building
& not, hopefully afterwards.

The Berkeley Vale has always been
primarily an agricultural area. In
present unpredictable times, can we
afford to cover acres of productive
land with housing. I do not accept
that a Grade 3 rating of the land as
accurate.

Slimbridge & the surrounding area is
obviously wetland, hence the name & the
number of old water meadows that surround
the village. With a huge development on
already wet, flat & ill drained land,
problems have to get worse. Who would
want to live in a swamp next to a very busy
motorway with everlasting noise & traffic?

Shimshide & other villages voted in, 100%
favour of spreading development fairly
throughout the area. People need homes but
not on large artificially engineered developments
far from their work. Could Strand D.C
reconsider their desire to overlook past
plans & adopt policies which are more
fair to rural communities, where
long distance commuting can be lessened
& the environment less threatened

Yours Sincerely

