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Subject: Objection to Wisloe Green Development

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objection to the proposed Wisloe Green development.

I lived in Coaley for 40 years before moving to Dursley nine years ago, my daughter has lived in Cambridge for 25 years, so I know the area of the proposed development extremely well.

One of the main reasons my husband and I chose to live in Coaley was that it was a small rural village but with a big welcoming community, very similar to the villages of Slimbridge, Cambridge and Gossington. This proposed development is going to link these beautiful villages together with Cam creating one massive urban sprawl which goes against every principle of good planning and will destroy the very essence of what makes this area such a wonderful place to live.

My husband was a keen golfer and member of Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club and we would walk most weekends on the Hill and admire the fantastic views from the top. The Hill is an AONB, This development will ruin the views from both the Cotswold and Forest of Dean AONB's. Whilst no one has the right to a view an ugly blot on the landscape stands out so much more.

It is my understanding that Stroud District Council have selected their own preferred sites and adapted the evidence to support these preferences, how else can you explain the sudden and dramatic downgrading of good agricultural land? and that many alternative and more suitable sites have been rejected without assessment. It does appear to be that it is "easier" for the Council to put all their housing needs into two massive developments rather that infilling and smaller developments more evenly distributed around the Stroud District Council area. Currently 80% of the proposed development is in the South of Stroud District where there is little employment meaning that the two proposed developments will become dormitory settlements which do not lend themselves to a positive community atmosphere.

I urge the Council to reconsider this proposed development, listen to the voices of those who live in the surrounding villages and take on board their concerns and views. We vote for our councillors in the hope that they do exactly that, please do not let us and yourselves down.

Yours sincerely

