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Dear sirs.

I write with concern regarding the proposal of 1500 properties within the newly titled wisloe Green area of Slim bridge parish council in Cambridge.

The proposal suggests utilisation of grade 2 farming land into new housing that will abate to the siding of the M5 motorway and the A38 Bristol Road. This land has a long history of crop rotation and has been classed as grade 2 for many a year and used as such. It appears that conveniently that has has been reclassified as 3b for no substantial reason other than to support benefit of the proposal.

The land supports flood plan planning which would disappear should the development become materialised.

The A38 traffic has substantially increased with existing development within the Cam/Dursley and Berkeley areas over the last 15 yrs to the extent that this and other proposals within the Cam/Dursley areas will increase traffic further and the Co levels for the established home owners along it will affect their health. There isn't any M5 junctions to relieve this impact between Stroud and Farfield, approximately 14 miles and the proposal does not indicate any.

This proposal is inaddition to those already planned and proposed in Cam/Dursley and Berkeley so the level of increase around the area is substantially higher and must be considered as a whole impact.

The location of such a development is not inline with reducing travel, and Co levels as the buyers will not have the level of work infrastructure in the locality and will travel to work. Whilst some will use push bikes, and public transport the over whelming majority will use private vehicles often one person occupancy. The majority of these properties will be occupied not by locals but by workers from further afield Bristol, Gloucester and Cheltenham who will seek lower priced property than available at these locations.

Taking away good crop land and concreting over will increase the likelihood of flooding in the surrounding area and to established home owners in Cambridge.

This area has little sewage infrastructure, poor telephone and internet infrastructure.

This area public transport is poor offering hourly services to Gloucester, Stroud and Dursley, making the ability to utilise these for work commitments very challenging. Again whilst adjacent to main line rail to from Gloucester /Bristol these services are hourly and run to central positions and are often impractical for most commuters. The cost of public transport is very expensive.

Whilst I appreciate that building houses is a must I am concerned that the concentration of them in a location the cannot support the occupiers is the wrong approach, and with regard to Wisloe Green scaled inappropriately to that which can be supported in this area.

Regards

