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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Stroud District Council Local Plan Review

To Whom it may concern,

We are writing in response to the above with particular reference to the proposed development known as Wisloe Green. We wish to object most strongly to this development for the following reasons:

1. Loss of Grade 2 Agricultural Land

This development would result in the loss of a large acreage of grade 2 agricultural land which we understand to be against Government policy. Surely we need to preserve as much good quality land for food production as possible, especially in the light of so much uncertainty over Europe. A high level crop is produced here annually.

2. Transport

The impact of a potential 1500 houses, which probably means a minimum of 3000 vehicles, on the current road system would be immense. Whatever small amounts of employment would be made available within the development it would still basically be a dormitory town for those working in Gloucester, Bristol, Stroud or even in South Wales. The increase in volume of traffic on the A4135 and A38 caused by this development and other potential new building in Cam, would therefore be considerable. Whilst it is acknowledged that improvements are needed to the M5 junctions, that is only part of the problem. The roads are already extremely busy at peak times and this would only serve to exacerbate an existing problem. There would, of course, be a significant increase in CO2 emissions as well.

3. Ribbon Development

If this development were to go ahead, together with other proposals in the Draycott area of Cam, the result would be a continuous area of housing from the eastern side of Dursley all the way to the western end of Slimbridge. The separate identities of Cambridge, Slimbridge and Gossington would be lost which, again, we believe to be against Government policy. Any potential building should be very carefully considered to avoid destroying the character and separate identities of the area.

4. Environment

Building on this scale would result in the loss of habitat for a variety of birds, mammals and amphibian which currently call the area home. Some of these I believe to be on the Red Data list. At times the fields provide feeding grounds for large flocks of birds some of which are en route for the WWT at Slimbridge.

We would ask that this proposal be completely removed from the Local Plan.



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