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Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Plan: Publication Stage Representation

My representation relates to Paragraphs 3.1.8 to 3.1.10, Policy Number PS05, Policy Map PS05 (including land PS05a)

I do not consider the Plan to be sound for the following reasons:


First, it conflicts with Minchinhampton's own Neighbourhood Development Plan which was drawn up in considerable detail anticipating the future needs of the town and indicating areas where extra housing could be safely accommodated. The Stroud Plan also conflicts with the Stroud Landscape Project and such a large development will spoil the views of visitors and residents approaching the town.

Moreover, I would question the need for so many extra houses in Minchinhampton, a town whose facilities – for example in terms of local schools and GP services – are already severely stretched. The case for the proposed extra housing has not been demonstrated in any public consultation.

Secondly, there has been no consultation on the proposed access via The Bulwarks to Butt Street which will inevitably become a source of congestion, increased noise and increased pollution from motor vehicle emissions. Furthermore, the new housing will have a negative impact on parking in the town and will greatly increase the number of vehicle movements within the centre and environs of the town to the detriment to the lives of existing residents. The roads around Minchinhampton are already crowded and to add further extra volume would materially impact on the local quality of life.

Thirdly, with a development of this size, there should be adequate provision for extra public transport and a demonstration of the existence of more locally based employment opportunities, neither of which are likely to be forthcoming with the foreseeable future. The overall result of allowing this development will therefore be a less sustainable community and the despoliation of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

I think the Plan should be modified by considering first the existing brown field sites within the Parish of Minchinhampton, for example, Dark Mills. I submit that such sites could accommodate substantial extra housing without the severe adverse environmental effects that are inherent in the proposed scheme.

I should like to participate in the hearing session because I think it's important that the Inspector hears directly from local people who will be affected by this Policy. Finally, I should like you to note that I am writing this letter not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of my wife, 

Yours faithfully,



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