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**Ref; Proposed Development of Glebe Farm, Minchinhampton,
under consideration by Stroud District Council**

I am writing to comment on this proposal.

The Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 – 2036 states ***Minchinhampton has indeed consistently provided new housing for people within the District since 1945. Growth has been at or just above an appropriate level to maintain a vibrant community, whilst not so great as to change the rural character of the parish.***

If the above proposal were to proceed, it would totally ignore and contradict this statement. The eighty houses proposed on such a relatively small area give a density of housing far greater than those surrounding. Tobacconist Road for example, is about five houses per acre. Other nearby dwellings are even less densely spaced.

Minchinhampton is a small Cotswold town and its size, facilities and amenities give it a unique atmosphere. More recent developments of Barcelona Farm and elsewhere have already started to change this irrevocably. The Glebe Farm development would further destroy the town and its infrastructure which is already at straining point in terms of medical facilities, roads and traffic.

For example, the proposal to use Tobacconist Road as walking and cycle access to the town centre would multiply by 500% the number of dwellings adjoining it for access; from currently twenty to one hundred.

Cyclists already mingle with mothers with buggies (e.g. attending the nursery, sports and other family events in The Hub), horse riders, cows and horses on the loose, parked cars (including those using the adjoining allotments), as well as pedestrians and cars entering and leaving surrounding dwellings and the Hub, which as you will know, is about to be developed by the Church with a cafe, playground and other amenities and improvements. **There are no pavements in this road.**

The current level of traffic already causes the Grade II listed and other buildings in the town to shake.

For this area, if such a need for housing of this density and quantity is perceived, I suggest that the site at Aston Down be considered. There is no village or town nearby to spoil and it has already been built upon, so it may be considered a brown field development.

Yours sincerely,

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