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Dear Mr Russell,

**RE: STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW EXAMINATION, WISLOE STRATEGIC SITE.**

On behalf of the site promoters for Land at Wisloe (PS37), The Ernest Cook Trust and Gloucestershire County Council, we welcome the opportunity to provide further details relating to the pedestrian and cycle bridge over the M5. This forms an integral part of the draft allocation for a sustainable new settlement at Wisloe.

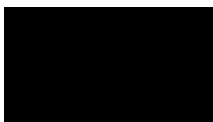
The Wisloe Project Team has collaborated openly and positively in the process of shaping Stroud District Council's Local Plan for several years. Most of the information prepared through this process has been made available on our website ([wisloe.co.uk](http://wisloe.co.uk)) and shared with the community.

We will respond specifically to questions raised by the Inspectors in their correspondence with the Council (dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023). We have identified specific actions in terms of further work to demonstrate viability and deliverability of the bridge. This will involve further partnership working with National Highways and Gloucestershire County Council Highways.

Our intention is to augment the information already provided as part of the Local Plan Review process, which was discussed in detail during the examination process. We will confirm design principles and arrangements for construction of the bridge, review the scheme masterplan and phasing of delivery and update the cost plan and viability appraisals. This work is underway and will run from September 2023 to December 2023. This will ensure we can comfortably be in a position to issue final documentation for submission early 2024 should the inspector agree to reconvene the Local Plan EIP.

In the meantime, and most importantly, we fully recognise that Stroud District needs more homes of all types. The Wisloe development can sustainably satisfy an element of this need and we remain fully committed to delivering a development that aligns with emerging policy .

Yours sincerely,



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