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Dear Sir / Madam

Stroud District Draft local plan

I write with reference to the above mentioned plan and the proposed developments at Wisloe and Sharpness.

I am concerned that SDC seem intent on pursuing these options, despite of their own planning framework and the significant protestations and representations made by the residents whom you serve.

Numerous consultations have indicated that the publics preference is for a dispersal approach to development to be adopted. The clear message from the public seems to be blatantly being ignored. One can only assume that having two development sites is a much more convenient option for SDC planning resources rather than having to manage multiple dispersed sites. You may consider this good resource management; however be under no illusion, the public consider this ineptitude and laziness. I request that you hereby provide the rationale to your decision making process when discounting other sites which are appropriate for development.

Your current route would see you making a mockery of your own planning framework and you risk undermining your legitimacy in claiming to be the planning authority acting in the public's best interest. There are numerous brown field sites available within the county. Why are you considering building on prime agricultural land? This approach is hardly sustainable to use your awful buzz word. The public have been assured by the authorities that the incinerator at Javelin Park is "safe". That being so why not utilize that massive brown field site for houses. I fear you are favouring developer's profits over the preservation of our rural environment. Future generations will carry the brunt of your shameful decision.

The addition of such heavy development will generate a huge burden on the road system. All the good talk about road infrastructure and public transport is as we all know nonsense. Public transport is not good enough nor is it likely to ever be. You will create mass misery with congestion and pollution ruining the rural environment. The developments will lead to the coalescence of Cam Dursley , Slimbridge etc. Are you seeking to join Gloucester, Bristol and Cheltenham?

This area by your own definition is designated as a rural district. It needs protecting not developing. The area is important to both agriculture and conservation. It is well documented that both endangered lapwings and curlew are to be found in this area. Both are critically endangered and both can be found here. Perhaps your planning department does not know what they are looking out for but I and many others do. Development on this scale will deter these important visitors. Noise and light pollution coupled to the destruction of their natural habitat will see these visitors stay away perhaps harming their continued existence. How does your planning department justify such a destructive policy? In addition to the afore mentioned there is evidence of newts, slow worms and otters in the area. Not to mention the good work in reintroducing the Crane to the area. You are instigating an environmental and ecological catastrophe. Again please provide rational.

I believe that SDC is being guided by ill conceived and rather convenient reports that the proposer to these developments has commissioned. On that basis they are to be viewed as totally biased and skewed and therefore evidentially worthless. For example the report commissioned in the classification of agricultural land resulting in declassification is laughable bordering on corrupt. Again please justify your actions. Perhaps I will commission my own report which will no doubt conflict with yours. Which is to be taken on face value? Certainly not that paid for by the proposer.

The development makes very little concessions to meaningful employment in the area. A mass of commuter sprawl with no community heart. Your department uses the word "sustainable" . Please explain to us all what this buzzword actually means to you! I fear you will have a job to convince the residents of this area that it is nothing more than a marketing buzzword. I certainly know that these developments are not sustainable and in fact will prove ruinous for the existing community and will cause irreversible damage to a rural area. Nothing sustainable about it whatsoever.

I implore your department to consider the options again not to take the path of least resistance.

Do the right thing on your watch. Do not ruin this rural area for the sake of an easy development and profits to investors.

Yours faithfully

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