

Ref: Stroud District Council's Plans for Leonard Stanley PS16 & PS42

I wish to convey my absolute total objection to plans that Stroud District Council are intending to put forward to build further homes on the Basilica land in Mankley Field. The area that I refer to is directly adjacent to a number of bungalows in Dozule Close. Alas, I am one of these residents. The proposed site is very narrow so the houses will be located close to the perimeter fence which will mean our privacy will be affected as we are overshadowed by the new properties.

I find it extremely hard to understand why these builds are being considered on this site. It is a well known fact that Mankley Field is a very wet area and that The Basilica land is arguably the wettest. It is also a fact that in times of wet weather excess water seeps into our gardens from the field. The wetness of the field is problematical, even when used for agriculture, crops rot because the ground is too wet for harvesting. Water seeping up through the floors of the adjacent Primary School is another indication of the dire state of this area. Houses built by Lioncourt' which are situated by Mankley Field in Kings Stanley, have suffered from excess water flooding, and in some cases caused rising damp. This problem has also been known to affect houses on the Saxon Gate development. I therefore consider that building these homes on the Basilica land will also, in time, be affected in a similar way and I wish to point out, to the Planning Department, the negative aspects of this site.

Since the Saxon Gate development, the population in the village of Leonard Stanley has vastly increased and I have been informed that as a result there is a lack of sustainability in maintaining the ecological balance. The local school is already under pressure and has had to build addition classrooms in the playground, decreasing the play area for the pupils. GP surgeries are already under pressure in the Stonehouse/Stroud area, surely this should have been reviewed before granting the planning permissions.

There is also a lack of facilities within the village i.e. shops etc., The road infrastructure is woefully inadequate now, further development simply exacerbates the situation, for as well as affecting the village it will most certainly have a knock on effects for Kings Stanley.

The houses in Saxon Gate have already had problems with the sewage. Building more houses would only accentuate the already existing problem. Dozule Close, in which I live, has already reached its sewage capacity.

The accesses to the 2 sites, as yet, has not yet been decided i.e. Dozule Close or Marsh Lane, either of which would cause a great impact to the already damaged road surfaces due to it being exposed to large vehicles which will be used in building these homes. An example of the frail nature of the road surfaces is the work done on part of the Bath Road, near the Village Hall, where heavy vehicle use required the surface to be relayed on numerous occasions.

I consider it extremely short sighted of the Planning Team at the Council to grant permission to build these houses and I hope that they can live with themselves when these houses experience damp and flooding especially as our climate is changing drastically.



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