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Dear Sir/Madam This is my objection to the proposed housing development at Wisloe.

Wisloe was not in the original Local Plan consultation of 2017 and Also Dispersal of housing sites with smaller developments has been a more popular option in all consultation phases but is being ignored by planners. Natural England has graded the land at Wisloe as Grade 2 very Good Agricultural Land & therefore should not be used for development.

Wisloe is already beyond safe noise levels which is 50db for housing. Noise levels are over 80 dB now so with at least 1500 new homes it's not hard to understand that the noise will increase even further.

We regularly see kingfishers and egrets also Otters are frequently spotted early in the mornings the whole area is an important Home for many rare species including Dippers so the site is unsuitable for development.

We already have air pollution from the M5 and A38 I fail to see how this will improve with queues of slow-moving traffic which if this plan goes ahead is what we will get...slow moving traffic.

I always understood that SDC had a strategy that said it "aims to protect and enhance the natural and built environment of the district" surely this plan is in contradiction of that.

SDC has always had a commitment to protect the outstanding views the district has that changed?

Slimbridge has issues with foul and water run offs which would increase massively with the proposed site development

Water quality has been noted by the developers to be a problem in the making.

The proposed number of houses in the draft plan are more than the Government requirement. Why is Wisloe required?

What has happened to Strouds commitment to being carbon neutral by 2030 and you say you have a "strong environmental ethos" the use of grade 2 land and the potential of at least 3000 more cars is not any way shape or form going to help Stroud achieve it's target.

There is a strong case to build houses where they already exist or sites like the rundown Newport towers and many other sites that are brown field also the vast majority of your proposed developments are in the south of the county most of which are around cam/wisloe and sharpness but most of the employment opportunities are not in this area.

The roads in the area are virtually "full" and the developers have recognised Wilsoe as a dormitory site..not close to employment which means people will have to commute to work.

The dispersal of houses across the Stroud district would avoid lots of the potential issues this development will cause.. also the vast majority of residents favour this option..WE LIVE HERE!! And our views must be taken into account.

We <u>chose to</u> be residents of this beautiful area..we <u>chose</u> a rural location to live in which needs to be understood. There are plenty of other options available.. plenty of brown field sites to build on.

thank you