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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Objections to the Proposed Wisloe Development

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Dear Sirs,

Please note my objections to this proposal:

The residents feedback from various community meetings has not been taken into consideration and feedback has been ignored. It appears that Stroud District Council have selected the site they want and based their proposal on supporting that site, disregarding the many reasons of objection that should seriously be considered.

1. As I understand it, The Ernest Cook Trust was set up to encourage learning from the land , not to sell to create houses. This development goes against the very principles of why Mr Cook set up the Trust in the first place and this proposal should be questioned on how this point would stand in a Court of Law.
2. I am very suspicious of the land survey prepared by SDC and the ECT classing the agricultural land on this site as a grade 3b. Natural England classified Wisloe as Grade 2 (which should not be developed as it is very good farming quality) Interesting that the grade 3b is the grade that permits development.....
3. Stroud District Council & Gloucestershire District Council have a duty as a rural council to look after our area. The Severn Vale is one of the last strongholds of Countryside in this area and you have a responsibility to respect and care for this. You say you have a strong Environmental ethos?
4. SDC is going against its own recommendations with regard to the Rural Settlement Classifications. On your website you have noted that Tier 1 and 2 areas (towns and large villages) are your priorities, and this area, Slimbridge & Cambridge, are classes 3 & 4.
5. There is insufficient employment in this area.
6. Are houses really needed in Wisloe? The Government target for SDC was 12,760 over 20 years. Why does the Build Plan show 15,000 in the whole area. The nearby village of Cam has seen a ridiculous amount of new build houses constructed over the last 3 years. This has totally changed the whole ethos of the village, and not for the better. Why are so many new projects & proposals being centralised around this one area? Surely, SDC's future growth & development should be more evenly disbursed?
7. The road system in this area, mainly with A4153 & the A38, is struggling enough with all the additional traffic that has been created by the new houses in the Cam area alone. Wisloe Green would create another increase in traffic that would be unsustainable, and be made even worse if even more housing is constructed in the Severn Vale. The pollution to this area would be immense. I thought SDC had committed to be carbon neutral by 2030 ?
8. The noise from all the roads and motorways with the additional cars must also be another major concern. I cannot see how you would meet statutory minimums for this or for the pollution.
9. This land is on a floodplain. The water table is high enough that the land is quite flooded and waterlogged at certain times of the year and this in turn attracts many birds from Slimbridge WWT. The proposed land has had sightings of red data listed birds , as recorded by the British Trust for

Ornithology. Highly protected species of mammals such as long eared bats and palmate newts have also been sighted. There are at least 3 ponds on this proposed site that contain protected species. Swallow numbers are dropping alarmingly in the UK and the Wisloe fields encourage hundreds of them in the summer. Also owls, fieldfare, buzzards, sparrow hawks.



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