

# HAM & STONE PARISH COUNCIL

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**To**

Local Plan Review  
The Planning Strategy Team  
Stroud District Council  
Ebley Mill  
Stroud  
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GL5 4UB

14 January 2019,

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Ham and Stone Parish Council response to Stroud District Local Plan Review –  
Emerging Strategy Consultation**

The Parish development envelope increase at the Vale Orchard site is not suitable for further development. The land is stated in the original planning for the site that it is a green space for the use by residents. There is also a large SUDS pond on the site which does not show on the plan and will not allow access to the site. There is also an active Badger set. As a council we feel the site is fully developed and this would lead to overdevelopment.

The Parish has reached its housing needs figure as stated in the Parish Appraisal. There are other sites in the Parish that would be better suited for future development depending on number of houses to be built and planning application details.

The Parish Council have concerns about the proposals as laid out in the Emerging Strategy, as they do not reflect the needs and desires of the local residents. The development at Sharpness, with so many new houses in a relatively rural area would mean even more traffic on the A38. Improvements at the M5 J14 might help, but with wider plans for building developments in South Gloucestershire, i.e. Buckover garden Village, this would also have a significant influence and issues in the Berkeley Vale area.

The proposal for further development in Slimbridge would also impact the Parish Community at Stone because of the extra transport and infrastructure issues. Not all residents living in the new developments would travel North to the M5 junction 13, therefore puts more pressure on the busy commuter traffic on the A38, especially at peak rush hour traffic.

The current proposals put even more burden across the Stroud District in small and rural communities.

Smaller scale developments and improvements in infrastructure are more suitable to allow local communities to remain sustainable for the future.

Regards



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