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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: FW: Wisloe Development

From: Cotswold Gardening School [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 January 2019 12:23
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Dear Mr Russell,
as a resident of Gossington and owner of the Cotswold Gardening School also based in Gossington for the past ten years, I would like to object to the proposed Wisloe development on the following grounds.

- Gossington has its own character and I would hate to see it merged with Slimbridge, Cam, Cambridge and Wisloe. I believe that all these distinct hamlets and villages would lose their unique personalities and become one large merged conglomeration to the detriment of each local identity.
- One of the benefits of living in Gossington are the open views to the Cotswold hills and beyond. It is a characteristic feature of our location that it has an open aspect - this would be blighted by a large incongruous mass of concentrated development. It would be out of place and not in keeping with the existing topography. Our rural location would be transformed.
- Because of the open nature of the site, the development will be seen from far and wide and impact a great number of people's views and enjoyment of our beautiful landscape.
- The land is of high agricultural quality - it seems a shame to me that more cannot be done reinventing existing brownfield sites - rather than destroying a great deal of habitat and useful farmland.
- I regularly use junction 14 of the M5 and it is always overloaded - adding more traffic here would be extremely problematic worsening an already overloaded junction.
- As a keen gardener, I am very aware that the water table is extremely high and I worry about flooding and the impact that so much concentrated development in a relatively small area will have on the surrounding areas.
- Having spent a Sunday in December asking for people's opinions about the development in Slimbridge, I was very concerned at the very low levels of awareness of the development. Those who did know that something was being discussed - thought that the plan was for 20 to 30 homes. No one that I spoke to during the day had any idea about the full extent of what is being planned. Were more people aware - I feel that there would be many more objections.
- Smaller developments across the district might be more challenging to manage but would surely spread the load - also perhaps more could be done with the Sharpness site.
- Gossington has already absorbed the recycling consolidation for the entire Stroud District area.
- I feel that what is planned could become a 'tower block' of the future - an appealing quick fix to a housing problem, that leaves a legacy of on-going problems for

future generations and in this case destroys a wonderful habitat and number of villages in the process.

I would very much appreciate being sent a confirmation that this email and my objections have been received and that they will be considered as part of the consultation.

Yours sincerely

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