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I recently went to the exhibition of the Local Plan at Cam Parish Hall and welcomed the opportunity to see the proposals and make comments and suggestions.

Overall I can see the sense of the Cam developments around Draycott/Box road and the new settlement at Wisloe. I welcome the focus on pedestrian and cycle access and the objectives on reducing carbon impact.

I'd like to highlight a few areas which I think need consideration:

1. Looking at the current developments in this area, along Box Road, there seems to be very few properties suitable for the more elderly or those of restricted mobility. For example there are no small bungalows or flats with ground floor or lift access.
2. I welcome the inclusion of cycle and pedestrian access but would request that the needs of horse riders are also included as these are being forced onto increasingly busy roads at a hazard to themselves and car users
3. I am concerned at the ability of the local drainage and sewage networks to cope with this additional load. We have already seen Severn Trent take a very negative attitude to improving sewage drainage in villages such as Coaley where new housing places a significant load on ageing sewage systems. Furthermore much of the land along box road regularly exhibits pools of water in periods of heavy rain. It is important that plans take account of the likely impact of heavier rainfall periods due to climate change
4. While provision is made for cycle and pedestrian access it is inevitable that car use will also increase. The current Box Road development is already causing traffic issues along Box Road and at the junction between box road and the main Dursely road.
5. I am very concerned about the wider impact on the road network of these developments, and the current box road development. Over the past two years we have seen a major increase in traffic along the lane (single track in places) between Frocester and Coaley (Peter Street). This is making this narrow road dangerous for cyclists and completely unsafe for horse riders and pedestrians. I suggest that a wider extension of cycle/horse/pedestrian access to the station from Eastington, Coaley and Frocester plus consideration of the traffic load on surrounding lanes be considered. At the moment we are developing a series of "rat runs" in peak periods and have no safe, usable, access to the rail station or the new developments from the northern parts of the region.
6. I am concerned that no mention is made of primary healthcare facilities, the addition of several thousand new properties (some of which are already being build) will completely overwhelm existing services.

I hope you find these comments and suggestions useful

Yours
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