

Attention of the Planning Strategy Team – Stroud District Council

Objections to Development of Wisloe Garden Village

Having lived [REDACTED] Cambridge for twenty-three years we have already seen housing development and the loss of two fields, I find it unbelievable that you are now planning to develop the area by an extra 1,500 dwellings plus commercial properties etc on top.

My objections are as follows –

- 1/ The development will join Slimbridge parish with Cam/Dursley resulting in Coalescence going against planning principles.
- 2/ Slimbridge Parish is already known to suffer from sewage problems, the size of development will put the area at risk of more flooding and potential health problems to residents.
- 3/ Although the area is not within the 'Area of Outstanding Beauty' it is viewed from Stinchcombe Hill which is, surely this development will have a negative effect on Stinchcombe's status?
- 4/ The proposers of the development have had a noise survey completed which acknowledges noise issues are already present, even though they are proposing putting in place noise reduction this will do nothing to protect existing properties.
- 5/ There are records with 'British Trust for Ornithology' of sightings of rare birds in the area including Curlew and Lapwing, both of which are highly protected. The parish has a high level of wildlife including Bats, wild birds etc, destruction of the surrounding countryside will have a very negative effect of these creatures.
- 5/ The proposers have had a soil survey completed, for many years the fields have been classified as Grade 2 (very good agricultural land), interestingly the Grade has now been put at 3b allowing it to be built on. As this is not an independent survey it should not be used in the planning process.
- 6/ Feedback gained by Stroud District Council from the catchment showed that residents preferred future development being spread out throughout the district, instead SDC are choosing to ignore these views and put 80% of development in the South of the District.
- 7/ Due to 80% of development being put in the South, this will cause high levels of pollution exceeding the permitted safe levels allowed.
- 8/ Development of the Wisloe area will destroy the nature of the Stroud district, Stroud is known as a rural district so why are you proposing to destroy it?
- 9/ The area is often grid locked with traffic, with proposed developments not only for Wisloe, Cam, Berkley and Sharpness. There will be several more thousands of cars using the A38 which will cause more congestion and pollution. The M5 frequently closes due to incidents, all the traffic will be having to use the A38 which will exacerbate the situation even more.

Yours sincerely

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