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16th January 2020

**Stroud District Local Plan Review**

Dear Sir,

I wish to make the following observations with regard to The Stroud District Local Plan review and in particular to object to change of use of land in order to enable the proposed development at Wisloe. (Ernest Cook trust/Gloucester County Council)

- a) Slimbridge has historically had problems with drainage, sewerage and flooding & I feel that housing on the site proposed will only exacerbate this problem.
  
- b) Traffic using St John's Road can be a problem at certain times of the day mainly caused by the volumes of traffic visiting the WWF and also school pick up times, traffic leaving a new development would make it almost impossible to exit the A38 at Slimbridge Crossroads - traffic can also be heavy when the M5 is closed because of an accident or incident, extra traffic leaving new housing would almost certainly cause further congestion. I think we should also consider the effect of pollution from car engines idling in queues, these are issues we should be increasingly aware of with climate change on everyone's mind & as we look forward to a greener future for everyone.
  
- c) I think we have to ask the question – why is 80% of proposed development in the south of the county. Has enough research been done into other sites which may be more suitable (Presumably the ownership of the land Ernest Cook Trust & Gloucestershire County Council is a significant factor in this case) – The Ernest Cook trust was after all set up as a guardian of the countryside and for the protection rural life.
  
- d) Is the only way of building new housing albeit calling it “Wisloe Green” to ruin a rural way of life (Stroud District is officially designated a rural district)
  
- e) We are told that people moving to Wisloe Green will use the train station at Cam, which presumably they will walk to – there is very little parking for cars, as residents of Box Road will probably testify some days there are cars parked on the road all the way to Draycott.

f) The area of land chosen by EC Trust and GCC is in close proximity to The M5, A38, A4135 & railway line, there will be significant noise pollution even if a bund is put in place.

I think people have a right to decent housing in a decent a environment & on this occasion I don't think "Wisloe Green" is that place, for the reasons stated above.

Yours Sincerely

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