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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to raise my objections to the proposed local plan development at Wisloe Green.

As a local resident who has lived in Cambridge all my life I am strongly opposed to this development for many reasons but the main one being the impact it will have on our local environment.

As a supporter of the Green party I have been proud to live in a district that has such strong ties to this party and on the face of it, appeared to hold dear the values of economic, social and environmental well being, which it achieved through democratic participation and accountability by ensuring that decisions were taken at the closest practical level to those affected by them. Whilst I appreciate that Stroud District is not governed by the Green party I believed that it shared their values and wanted a district that was not measured by narrow economic indicators but took account of factors affecting the quality of life for all people: personal freedom, social equity, health, happiness and human fulfilment.

The scale of this development in Severn Vale, an area which is one of the most rural in the Stroud District, is in my view catastrophic and will destroy the essence of the communities involved and the reasons why they are such wonderful places to live. I have studied Psychology to Masters level and I know how the environment in which we live can impact on mental health. The small rural villages which make up the Parish of Slimbridge are inclusive and welcoming and each has it's own separate identity whilst still being part of the whole. The introduction of another village in itself is not a problem but when this new development links together this Parish with Cam then the whole dynamic changes into that of a town but without the infrastructure in place to support this. This goes against all the principles of good planning. The Stroud District Local Plan has a Development Strategy that establishes acceptable levels of development in both towns and countryside which determines how and where development is distributed around the area. This Local Plan apparently was designed over several years and took into account the views of local communities and those with a stake in the future of the area and it was based on research and fact finding evidence. Why then is Stroud District Council going against all that it sets out in this Local Plan by not listening to the local communities?

Due to the positioning of this development between the A38, M5, A4135 and Railway line future residents will be exposed to noise pollution well exceeding permitted levels. When I questioned this at one of the drop-in events I was told that a green strip had been designed between the development and the M5 to dampen down the noise pollution. However, when I challenged the effectiveness of this it was admitted that it would not be of any great benefit. Constant noise is a trigger for mental health issues in many people.

Stroud District Council has undertaken to commit to be carbon neutral by 2030 and state that they have a strong environmental ethos. Doesn't the fact that such a large development concentrated in an area which already suffers from an excess of pollution due to the aforementioned roads and railway lines not go directly against this ethos.? Most households have a minimum of 2 cars, most housing developments offer 1 car parking space per household so the glossy images of this development being shown at events by the Council bear no relation to the reality of cars parked on verges and on and around all the green spaces.

Finally what about the wildlife? On the land which is to be developed there have been sightings of bats, newts, Curlews and Lapwings, all of which are highly protected. A council boasting of its strong environmental ethos and a charity rooted in the conservation and management of the countryside should both be ashamed of themselves.

Please heed the views of residents and other supporters of the local environment and look at alternative sites which are smaller and will have less impact on surrounding villages, wildlife and the environment rather than continue with this local plan.

Yours sincerely

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