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Dear Sir / Madam,

I recently attended a consultation presentation relating to the Stroud Local Plan (2019) proposals at Slimbridge Village Hall. Since that event I have also examined in more detail the proposals contained on your website. Arising from this I would make the following comments, which I trust will be taken into consideration before any final action is approved.

The proposals appear to involve a disproportionate allocation of development in the south of the Stroud District. Far from allowing organic growth, the current proposals will lead to a swamping affect on the Berkeley / Sharpness, Slimbridge /Cambridge and Cam areas, thereby totally changing the rural nature of the existing relatively small communities.

The Wisloe Green proposals are of concern, particularly in the following areas,

- Road access - Currently a large proportion of the working population of the Dursley & Cam conurbation exit via the A38 Slimbridge roundabout at peak times to travel north to Gloucester or South to Bristol for work. Development already taken in place in these areas plus the Coaley - Box Road development is causing regular queuing and congestion. There is no proposal to change the 'pinch points' caused by the rail and motorway bridges at Cam and the addition of a further 1500 houses plus commercial development will only lead to gridlock for transport movement in the area.
- Flood issues – the area, particularly in Slimbridge and Cambridge has experienced significant problems in the past relating to drainage of flood water / sewerage. Since Severn Trent have still to fully resolve these problems, particularly in regard to the link to the Coaley Treatment Works, I fail to see how adequate infrastructure can be installed on the proposed Wisloe site to deal with the increased requirements. Also building over the existing green fields at Wisloe will only lead to flash flooding problems for the area at large.
- The scale of the proposed development is totally out of proportion, and I do not believe that sufficient consideration has been in the proposals to the overall impact on the tranquillity and rural nature of the District that currently exists. The impression gained by many local residents is that the plan merely suits the wishes of the Ernest Cook Trust and Gloucestershire County Council in order to make financial gain.

Finally, I would urge you to consider these comments and, in particular my overall objection to the Wisloe Green development proposal.

Regards,

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