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I wish to complain and object to the above proposal on the following grounds.

1. The agricultural land in question was classified by Natural England, many years ago as Grade 2, very good quality land and should not be considered for development. I understand that following an alleged land survey, the consultants downgraded this same land by 3 grades to Grade 3b which would then lend itself to development. I question the accuracy of this result as it is bias in favour of the developer, how very convenient!

2. The Slimbridge and Cambridge areas have a very high water table as is evidenced from my own rear garden in Cambridge, a very short distance from the proposed site, where the water bubbles up from underground during rainfall. The proposed Wisloe Green site with an internal road, cycle and footway network plus 1500 house footings together with the building of a barrier to shield the noise and pollution levels from the M5 will further reduce the land area to absorb the high level of surface water.

3. In terms of transport, the suggestion that more use will be made of the nearby Cam and Dursley Railway Station is farcical as, from personal experience, the car park and Box Road are always full and often there is standing room only on the early morning trains. This leaves the walking and cycling which are not regarded as suitable transport to schools or place of work that exceeds 5 miles, and as Wisloe Green will have little or no commercial or industrial use for the vast majority of residents, they will have to commute north to either the Stroud, Gloucester or Cheltenham area or south to Bristol adding a possible 5000/6000 vehicles to an already heavily congested and overloaded A38. The Highways Authority already acknowledge that junction 14 of the M5 cannot cope with the current volume of traffic and that junction 13 will become even more congested once the new football stadium has been built, Stroud District Council having recently approved planning. There are no current plans to upgrade either of these junctions or provide a new junction on the M5 between these two.

4. Housing Development, the Government's own target figures were set at just over 600 dwellings per annum for the Stroud District Area where some 80% of these are proposed in the south of the area along the A38 corridor. This equates to almost 13000 dwellings over the next 20 years so why are the plans showing building in excess of 15000 new homes. It begs the question as to where all these people will work, certainly not in the areas they reside, so they will have to commute adding yet further congestion. Furthermore the Wisloe Green proposal will join Slimbridge, Cambridge and Gossington to Cam creating one big urban sprawl which is contrary to the Stroud District Council's own Rural Settlement Classification where Cambridge is in Tier 4 which is against the Council's own recommendations detailed in the December 2014 Settlement Role and Function Study.

Signed

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