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Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to express my objection to the proposed Local Plan development at Wisloe Green.

I was born in Slimbridge 90 years ago and whilst I now live in Cam, my son and his family and my brother still live in the Parish so I am often travelling to and from the villages. I have seen many changes over the years, some bad and some good, but on the whole the essence of the villages which make up Slimbridge Parish have not changed. I am not objecting because I don't like, or welcome change, I am objecting because of the scale of the development and the fact that it will effectively join together the villages of Cam with those of Slimbridge Parish and create one enormous housing development. By linking these villages each will lose their own identity and the communities which have existed happily for years will become swallowed up into a development of commuters, as it is unlikely that many of the houses will be affordable to those most in need, the young, less well off and the elderly. Everyone in society needs a community to call their own and a housing development of this size simply won't reflect the diversity needed to make a healthy community. This planning decision will go against every ethos that the Council maintains it upholds.

Having lived in and near to the development all my life I am fully aware of the problems with sewage and water that Slimbridge experiences, and I can only assume that the scale of the development will add to these problems.

My father worked on farms in the Parish all of his life and I was brought up to appreciate the value of the excellent agricultural land we have within and around the parish. I have been told that the land where the proposed development is to go has been downgraded from very good agricultural land, which I can verify from my own experience, to a grade on which development is permitted. It would be very interesting to get a second survey, independent of the Council, to understand what has changed so dramatically to justify such a downgrade.

I accept change but only when it is to the benefit of all or most of those affected and I feel this decision is not based on this understanding.

Yours sincerely

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