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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 for the last 26 years I am strongly opposed to this development for the reasons outlined below.

- SDC's own recommendations are to prioritise any additional housing in towns, Tier 1, and large villages, Tier 2. Slimbridge is Tier 3 and Cambridge Tier 4 so why has SDC gone against its own policy?
- The scale of the proposed development seems to be unjustified both in terms of the predicted local housing needs in the future and also the disproportionate number of houses in the south of the district. The proposed development is in addition to all the houses currently being built at Box Road Cam and several other large scale developments already proposed in Cam.
- Currently the parish of Slimbridge has its own identity and has a rural village feel. Building the proposed development would join the parish with Cam and Dursley creating an urban sprawl with the loss of Slimbridge's rural identity. Why can't the additional housing be spread more evenly around the district rather than this one huge development?
- No thought appears to have been made to the issue of local surface water drainage. Slimbridge and Cambridge have long suffered with local flooding and sewerage issues. Any additional housing on this scale will have a significant impact on the existing drainage infrastructure with the local community suffering at the expense of the new development.
- There is very little employment and no social facilities local to Wisloe so the vast majority of residents will have to travel by car. The increased traffic will have a negative impact on the environment and will add to the already congestion roads in the region. M5 junctions 13 and 14 are already at saturation point with long queues during morning and evening 'rush hours'.
- Each year I have witnessed many of the fields in the Wisloe area successfully harvest arable crops so I do not understand how this land can be downgraded from Grade 2 - very good agricultural land to Grade 3b - suitable for development. This appears to be a very convenient change at this moment in time. I believe an independent assessment should be carried out.
- Noise from the motorway can be heard from a mile away. How can it be acceptable to propose building hundreds of houses adjacent to the motorway. There is no way any sound barriers could prevent this noise particularly on the southern side of the A4135 where the motorway is raised above the adjacent land.

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