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To who ever it may concern,  
I am writing to give my personal views on the preferred Stroud District Council strategy / draft local plan that has been put out for consultation, as a local resident, as follows. I do not support the preferred Stroud District Council strategy / draft local plan to meet future housing growth as it stands. In particular I am opposed to the proposals for the Wisloe site for the following reasons:

- The high number of houses being proposed is excessive for this rural location. The development should be sited adjacent to existing larger developments or within towns to minimise impact on and preserve our rural status for future generations.
- The Wisloe site is designated as very good agricultural land and is a habitat for rare species, therefore should never even have been considered for housing development.
- I firmly believe that much more effort should be put into encouraging development of existing brownfield sites or redeveloping/ converting existing disused buildings, such as Tricorn house in Stroud, for example, which has been empty for decades and is perfect for development into affordable housing. There is also an environmental benefit in building homes in or near towns, closer to employment and amenities.
- The proposed development at Wisloe would certainly adversely affect the road system. Public transport is not a viable option for the vast majority of journeys from the area. Each of the proposed new homes would lead to having two or more additional cars on our local roads, impacting safety, adding to journey times and increasing traffic pollution.
- A further concern is increased stress on the drainage systems. There is well documented evidence of existing problems in this area, without concreting over natural soak-aways and adding more input to exacerbate the issues. We have witnessed the misery caused by foul water systems backing up into our neighbours properties and have seen our road turn into a river in recent years, so know the threat is very real.
- Not only is the adequacy of infrastructure for water and drainage a worry, it is also not clear from the plan how other services like doctors, dentists, waste and recycling etc., could be provided for such an influx of additional residents.

In summary, There are so many compelling reasons not to pursue this large scale development proposal for Wisloe, I am very strongly opposed to it. The current preferred strategy / local plan would be harmful to the current inhabitants of the local area's rural communities, and equally would be detrimental to incoming residents and to the wider environment. This is contrary to Stroud District Council's own stated objectives. I believe that we have a moral duty to our future generations to safeguard this rural environment and implore the Council to reconsider, to seek more appropriate site(s) and develop alternative strategy.

Yours faithfully,  
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Sent from my iPad