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Dear Sir

I am writing to you to comment on the Stroud District Plan and particularly object to the use of the site known as Wisloe Green. My objections, based on sound planning concerns, fall into three categories of environmental pollution, transport and good planning practice.

The location of Wisloe Green adjacent to the M5 motorway makes it unsuitable for development from the twin environmental aspects of noise and air pollution. SDC has a strong environmental ethos and the increased pollution and carbon emissions from 1500 dwellings and the inevitable increase in road use in the area are in direct contravention of this policy. Furthermore, Wisloe Green takes high grade agricultural land out of food production and replaces it with hard landscaping.

The developer recognises that the local settlements of Cam, Slimbridge and Cambridge are dormitory settlements with relatively little employment available in the area. Wisloe Green will therefore inevitably cause a massive increase in road use. The SDLP states 'Public transport will be boosted by the new settlement at Wisloe providing sustainable transport links along the A38 corridor connecting Stone, Newport, Slimbridge and Cambridge to Bristol and Gloucester' How this will be achieved is unclear – the road network operates at near full capacity and the only public transport option, the Cam & Dursley station is totally overpopulated at peak times. The only impact to transport from Wisloe Green will be even more stress upon an already overstretched infrastructure. The development makes no proposal to improve transport links in direct contravention of SDC Core Policy CP13.

SDC's own recommendations are to prioritise development in existing larger communities. Wisloe Green falls in the Slimbridge Parish, closest to the village of Cambridge which in the SDLPR is classified as a Tier 4a settlement which 'are relatively less sustainable locations for growth, compared to Tier 1-3 settlements, and most face significant environmental constraints.' Furthermore, taking into account the development already approved on the northerly side of Cam, Wisloe Green will result in a single development stretching from Shepherd's Patch and Slimbridge in the West, though Cambridge and Cam into Dursley in the East. This will appear as a single urban sprawl from the Cotswold AONB right through to the Severn Vale.

SDC has conducted extensive consultations with residents throughout the district. The result of this showed an overwhelming majority for a dispersal strategy with additional housing allocated throughout the district. SDC have completely ignored this opinion apparently preferring the easy option of allocating 80% of the new houses being allocated to just the Berkeley Vale area of the District at Sharpness and Wisloe Green. This high density housing was the least favoured option by the majority of residents throughout the District.

I trust you will take these objections into account and use them to support a rejection of the Wisloe Green development.

Yours sincerely

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