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Dear Sirs,

As a long standing resident of Slimbridge I wish to respond to proposals in the Draft Local Plan which includes Wisloe.

I am aware that SDC are under pressure to meet housing requirements in the future. However, it is the opinion of myself and other members of my family who live locally that the proposals are excessive and therefore unsupportable. The main reasons for objecting to what is proposed are:

- The number of houses in the draft plan exceeds the government requirement.
- The size of the development is far too large for the semi rural location of the designated location.
- The character of the area will totally change in this prominent section of the Severn Vale.
- There is an imbalance of new development in the immediate area with substantial housing sites already under construction in neighbouring Cam, with even more proposed. Sharpness is also planned to have substantial development whilst other parts of the county in general, and SDC in particular, are receiving considerably less planned growth. Under the proposals the Berkeley/Severn Vale is taking a much larger share than other locations and this is not only unreasonable but unfair to those affected.
- The local authority should be considering more brown field sites rather than green fields. Too many green fields are being developed in this part of the county. Developers are being successful in obtaining planning consent on sites that would have been considered totally inappropriate a few years ago and local authorities appear unable to appeal/fight decisions due to lack of staffing and financial resources.
- Both the existing and the proposed road layouts are inadequate and the local plan proposals will add to a rise in pollution, greater congestion and increased road accidents.

- It has already been widely recognised that the increase in housing over the past 30 years in Cam and Dursley has not necessarily added to local businesses, particularly retail, benefiting. Many of the newer residents commute to larger towns and cities for work and tend to shop close to where they are employed. Local traders and shopkeepers are struggling despite an increased local population
- The existing local school (as with others in the District) is operating at capacity and the proposed new school will suffer the same problems within a very short time of completion if the plan goes ahead.
- The Local Plan includes large areas of land that have not been thoroughly assessed and were not even included in the original 2017 LP consultation. It appears that the Wisloe proposals have been added with little thought to the adverse affect on this immediate area whilst other, more appropriate locations within the District, have been ignored.

Yours sincerely,

