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Sirs,

I am writing in response to the request for comments from local residents on the developments in the Local Plan.

I have been resident in Slimbridge for 25 years, working in a business based in Stonehouse.

My view on the proposed development called "Wisloe Green" is as follows:

- * it will quadruple the number of homes in the parish of Slimbridge, which will have a huge impact on the rural nature of the parish and the locality.
- * the existing road network will be overwhelmed by the increase in traffic, especially the road through Cam (already a bottleneck) and the road through Slimbridge village to the WWT.
- * the Council appears to have ignored the responses to earlier consultations which showed that the majority preferred new housing to be distributed around the District in smaller settlements, rather than concentrated in large new developments.
- * this proposed development would become dormitory housing for people working in Bristol, putting huge additional pressure on the road and rail network. The car park at Cam and Dursley station is already insufficient to meet the local need. Only this week, I was unable to find a parking space for a business trip to Bristol and was forced to drive into the city centre.
- * having reviewed the Local Plan at the recent consultations and discussed the proposals with the representatives, there were no real, practical plans to address these issues, which the representatives agreed were serious problems. The transport infrastructure will already come under significant extra pressure with the new developments currently under construction.
- * in addition to the hugely negative impact on the local environment, this housing will have a great adverse effect on the greenhouse gas emissions of the area. Building houses for people to commute 20 miles to Bristol is the opposite of sustainable development. This land should be considered for tree planting, in my view.
- * building new housing nearer to Stroud and Gloucester will provide homes for people who are more likely to work locally.
- * I am not aware of any environmental constraints on the design of the houses currently being constructed in the area or proposed for the Wisloe Green development. I would urge the Council to insist that all new houses built in the District are designed to strict "carbon neutral " standards, with charge points for electric vehicles as well as non-gas heating, the best possible insulation and solar panels.

Yours sincerely

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