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Sent: 20 January 2020 20:18
To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Proposed Wisloe development on Glos CC land and Ernest Cook Trust land

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Dear Sirs,

With regard to the above proposed development of some 1500 houses and commercial buildings, I object in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons: To increase the current housing stock by some three fold definitely infringes your own planning policy of avoiding coalescence. The villages of Cam, Slimbridge, Cambridge and Wisloe will merge into one conurbation and become a small town where previously only small villages existed.

I gather that, conveniently, the Ernest Cook Trust have now found their land is classed as grade 3b where previously it was found to be grade 2. An independent survey obviously needed to determine the true grade. The development would cause horrendous pollution, light and CO2. There is clearly no local work that could support 1500 households, people would be commuting to the local cities on road networks that can barely cope now with the existing traffic. Hardly carbon neutral. Light pollution will be a massive problem in an area known for its low number of street lights.

A drainage expert has informed that undoubtedly there will be an increase in storm water volume (is this allowed by law?) entering the local drainage system. This system cannot cope now with the existing volumes as evidenced by local houses flooding with sewage from overloaded systems.

The land to the south of the A4135 could very well be the site of a roman settlement. A historic research and detecting club were invited by the local farmer, [REDACTED], some years back, to detect on this land. Hundreds of roman coins and artefacts were found, and some of which will be forwarded to the County Archaeologist for his assessment of the finds.

Wildlife will suffer greatly in these areas, Lapwing flocks were common there some years back, and any wildlife residing there will be forced elsewhere possibly to their deaths as it is bounded by a railway, main road and motorway.

Why is 80% of all proposed development in the Stroud District being concentrated in these areas? It appears to be a convenient 'easy fix' for the planning department having to deal with just two landowners. Other areas should be considered, as I believe you are obliged to by law, where is the evidence for this?

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection, thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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