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Comments on Stroud District Council Local Plan Leonard Stanley PS16 and PS42

My comments on the above proposals are as follows:

Before you allow any developments on these sites you really need to look at the infrastructure. The roads are full of potholes from plant machinery due to the building of Lioncourt and Saxongate. I work at a local engineering company and we are repairing alloy wheels on a daily basis due to the damage caused by these huge potholes.

The number of cars has increased considerably with the building of these developments causing more pollution while public transport has been reduced leaving no alternative.

The local schools are full to capacity and if extra classrooms are built these will have to be erected on the schools playing fields. As some Children struggle with their weight and fitness levels due to modern day living and computer technology shouldn't we be increasing the areas for physical activities to take place, not reducing them? Parking at drop off/pick up times is a nightmare with parents parking on dangerous bends, double yellow lines and pavements as no one seems to walk anywhere these days. The same goes for parking outside the Co op and Yew Tree Stores – double yellows and very dangerous, and the speed traffic travels along the Bath Road and through the villages.....

Local doctors surgery's are full to capacity also with many new residents unable to register and those of us who are registered unable to get appointments quickly when required. This is unacceptable and would only get worse if you allow more development.

The sewage system is unable to cope with the developments at both Lioncourt and Saxongate – both developments having problems and due to this, houses in Bath Road have had sewerage overflowing into their gardens and garages – totally unacceptable!

Some of the green spaces at Saxon Gate have been repeatedly flooded and the proposed developments are on Marshland making it most unsuitable for residential dwellings.

Proposed access through Dozule is ridiculous. These roads are most unsuitable for heavy plant traffic. They are narrow and cars park on the roadside. Also rear access to the school is used every day for Children to avoid the dangerous traffic and parking at the front of the school. If the road is opened up through Dozule there will be no safe access at all.

Before allowing more houses, Children or cars on this marshland, all the roads around the villages need to be improved, traffic calming introduced, public transport improved, another school and doctors surgery set up locally and the sewerage system improved dramatically.

Finally, if this strip of land is approved for development, Kings Stanley and Leonard Stanley will become one and no longer be individual Villages, but merely a suburb of Stroud!



