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Sirs,

I live in the parish of Slimbridge and wish to make my views known. I realise we need more housing but I urge Planners to think about the impact on rural communities when pursuing these ideas, particularly as the majority of the proposed new builds seems to be in the South of the district through the Severn Vale, an area, we believed SDC's strategy was to protect.

My comments are as follows:

Environmental Impact

There is minimal employment around this area and the majority of people are commuting to either Bristol, Gloucester or further afield for which they will most likely use their car, increasing the traffic around this area and impacting on the carbon footprint for this area. The nearest junctions to the M5 are 13 or 14 and this proposed development is not exactly near either of them, thereby increasing the amount of traffic that will be travelling between these two junctions.

If you want to encourage people to use the train, safe walking routes to the station need to be factored in and adequate amenities provided at the station.

In the village we can hear the impact of the motorway. I cannot imagine what it would be like to live alongside it!

Schools

My understanding is that a new primary school would be built within the WG development. That would need to be established well ahead of the people moving in as the current primary school on the corner of St Johns Road is at capacity. Pupils are already coming from the Box Road Development but because this means they have to walk over the motorway bridge and cross the busy A38, most parents drive their children to school, creating traffic problems and increasing our carbon footprint.

Slimbridge village itself has no continuous footpath through the village and further down the village has no footpath at all. With the volume of traffic that passes through the village to The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, it is not considered a safe walking environment.

Most Secondary School children currently attend Rednock School from this area. It would require additional facilities there to cope with the influx of additional students.

Drainage

For years the parish has struggled to cope with the system and whilst considerable work has been carried out in the last few years, I do have concerns about the impact the current development in Box Road and this proposed development will have, particularly as we lay within the flood plain.

General Infrastructure

The road to/from Cam/Dursley (A4135) is probably running at near capacity and at peak times, it's crawling traffic all the way. This is exasperated by the access to Box Road and the increased volume of traffic using that junction.

Regards

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