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Dear Sirs,

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to state my objection to the Stroud District Council Draft Local Plan, specifically the Wisloe Green plans, that has been put forward to build thousands of houses upon much loved countryside.

I am concerned that the above proposed new build was not communicated to the people it impacted most until a late stage in the planning process. I have only recently found out about it through social media. It appears this plan has been discussed for several years but has only recently become common knowledge. How can meaningful discussions with suitable and sufficient consultation take place at this late stage?

The building of so many homes will have a significant impact on wildlife, and on people living and working in the Wisloe Green area. Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust is known for its outstanding conservation strategies and attracting wildlife supported by the local countryside you are proposing to build on. It isn't unusual to see 5 buzzards flying above the trees. What will happen to this wildlife if you destroy its habitat?

Noise pollution in this area is already an issue with the motorway close by. If I understand your plans correctly, you are planning an access/walkway to the train station taking a route via Dursley Road and through trees and then crossing the motorway. This will obviously require the removal of trees along this route which at present are a natural noise barrier. What is your strategy for dealing with the increased noise to the existing residents?

Added to this will be the increased security risk and access for residents along that route, with many cars trying to park on a narrow road. There are no pathways along this route which will also reduce the width of the road. The pedestrians will inevitably create a security risk for all houses on the route. Again this will have a significant impact on existing homes.

I am also concerned about the "tump", the large mound of earth which, you believe, will stop some of the noise from reaching your new builds. However, this is likely to cause an increased funnel effect of wind, noise and fumes to be channeled to the existing homes. What assessments have you carried out to confirm this will not impact adversely on the existing community? Have there been any successful implementations of this strategy? Has this information been forthcoming to the residents affected by your proposed new builds? How do you propose to safeguard the health and wellbeing of your residents?

Affordable housing in a remote area causes problems with social isolation for the very people you are trying to house. The elderly, disabled, and young families will not have the funds or capacity to reach the transport you are planning. With the likelihood of increased fly tipping, drug use and crime in the quieter areas this may cause greater isolation for these groups.

The increased traffic on the A38 and access to the motorway, along with the need for significant redevelopment of utilities to the area, is likely to have medium and long term effects on the environment and well being of all residents.

As a long term member of the Stroud area, I believe we should keep our green spaces and instead focus on reclaiming brown sites close to established communities with the social network and infrastructure already in place. I would ask that you reconsider this proposal and keep Stroud's beautiful green spaces safe. Once gone, they are gone forever!

Yours faithfully

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