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Good afternoon Councillors,

My wife and I recently attended a gathering of disenchanted members of the public to gather knowledge and details of the proposed plans for Wisloe and surrounding areas.

I know many will have already submitted their justifiable objections, but I felt the need to re study the proposals.

Regrettably with the demise of the three major employers in this area, namely Mawdsleys, Lister-Petter, and Bymacks, Dursley, Cam, Coaley and other local conurbations have just become commuting localities, supporting industries in other areas such as Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol.

For a District Council claiming Green Credentials, it astounds me to note your alleged support to desecrate this area, by first downgrading a recognised superb area of quality Grade 2 Agricultural Land to justify a plan to add to the problems already existing for commuters from the surrounding towns and villages.

To even consider backing this plan is beyond my comprehension.

We are currently subjected to the many problems inflicted on us by the developments taking place adjacent to Box Road even as I write this email.

To now consider inflicting the possible developments of West of Draycott and the Wisloe Garden Village on us, with all that entails. The daily pollution, the-ongoing noise of all the heavy vehicles entering and leaving the sites, the dust and mud, when wet, making all the current inhabitants lives a total misery, and for what.

To meet some criteria set out by Central Government.

Yet failing to consider breaking the numbers down to a more manageable quantity, which could be distributed around the wider District, meeting in all probability, the needs of smaller communities, who, would, in most cases welcome some development to enable them to enrich their communities and provide suitable and adequate housing to help them to retain some of their younger members currently unable to get their feet on the housing ladder.

The total effect of permitting these developments will only add to the miseries often inflicted on those living adjacent to the A38, when, has had happened just recently with two severe incidents on the M5, causing both North and South carriageways to be closed, in both cases for many hours. Resulting in A38 having to cope with traffic barely moving, and making it virtually impossible for locals to either infiltrated or cross the road to get to their homes. A number of persons trying to make their way home from Gloucester reported travelling approx 1 mile took from 1 to 2 hours, eventually arriving home in Dursley very late in the evening.

Should you approve these developments, which added to those already underway, will impose an unbearable and unsustainable lifestyle.

We are indeed fortunate to have the Wetlands Trust nearby on the banks of the Severn. If and when, weather permitting, one walks along the Old Dursley road passing the agricultural land under discussion. It is not unusual to see a variety of ducks, geese etc, taking advantage of what may have been left from the crops reaped earlier. A truly glorious sight, but with these proposals all that will be sadly lost.

We are extremely lucky to be surrounded by, on the one hand the Cotswolds and the Severn Vale, with many visitors choosing to take advantage of this area of known beauty. You only need to spend a short time at the Coaley viewing area to appreciate what we have, and what will be besmirched by these proposals.

Councillors, if you have any doubts as to my claim and objection, then I respectfully suggest, that a trip to The Coaley viewing spot, and spend some time looking at what is in front of you, then consider the detriment such a development will have, not only to those local communities, but adding problems to the road infrastructure, when with ever increasing number of vehicles on our roads, which, in turn will inevitably lead to more frequent incidents on both Motorways and A arterial Road.

Councillors, we are all conscious of the need for housing, but with a recent survey announcing there are some 3500 + houses currently empty in Gloucestershire, with many thousands of areas above shops etc suitable as flats, again empty. Should more effort be made to take advantage of these available properties, which in turn should minimise the need to turn Quality Agricultural Land into housing estates just for commuters.

Is it really necessary to create a Massive urban sprawl from Dursley to Slimbridge, which will be visible from the Cotswold escarpment, and destroying the Severn Vale for for all in the future.



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