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I would like to formally object to the above proposal for the following reasons. These are in addition to the ones I have already made you aware of.

* SDC Site selection - the Council selected THEIR preferred sites ignoring the feedback from residents and the preferences which we made. They then appear to be building an evidence base to support those preferences, this is somewhat back to front surely? Why did the Plan go out to residents for approval when all the Council did was to ignore all of the comments and just go ahead with what they wanted to do anyway, regardless of significant reasons why they shouldn't? There are a number of alternative sites and ones which are far more suitable and these have been rejected without any assessment being made. How can that be? And why? Why is Wisloe more suitable than Hardwicke, Morton Valance, Stonehouse or Whaddon? There are already housing estates in these areas so why not continue to develop where development already exists?

Why do SDC believe Wisloe is better placed? And why the need to join up Slimbridge, to Wisloe, to Cam to Dursley resulting in one large messy sprawl and the destruction of the wildlife and their environment that are known to exist there?

Linked in with this is the fact that approximately 80% of the proposed development is in the South Stroud District. There is low employment in these areas and so would render them dormitory settlements. Again, Hardwicke, Morton Valance, Stonehouse or Whaddon would be far more appropriate due to the fact that they are NOT dormitory settlements. Do we really need more traffic and pollution on and surrounding our already overstretched road networks because residents have to commute long distances backwards and forwards to work? There is no employment at Wisloe and little or no employment in the closes areas to it. As I have mentioned previously, the A38, particularly at Cambridge, is a fast and dangerous road that will only increase the possibility for accidents to occur with such a high, additional number of vehicles that will result from the build.

*Rural Settlement - by their own recommendations, SDC prioritise Tier 1 and Tier 2 areas (towns and large villages). Why have SDC gone against their own recommendations as Slimbridge is a Tier 3 and Cambridge a Tier 4 classification? Their own classification appears to be being ignored by the very people who set it. Why?

* Impact to the Rural Community - the area of Stroud is classified as a Rural District, the Severn Vale area being the most rural part of it. The area will be completely destroyed and the very essence of what it is taken away from it and from us all. Not just from those of us who live here now but also for the future and for anyone, of whom there are thousands, of the many visitors we get to this area throughout the year.

* Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) - the nearest part of this is Stinchcombe Hill and the views from there will be significantly impacted, it is only 1.5km away, as will the views from the Cotswold and Forest of Dean AONB's.

Regards

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