



## MY REASONS FOR BEING AGAINST THE WISLOE DEVELOPMENT

1. Traffic. More traffic on busy congested roads. Before the M.5 Motorway was completed road accidents in Slimbridge Parish were an almost daily occurrence Many were fatal. Local residents who were used to and who respected the busy roads were involved as well as many people passing through. Since then traffic has increased considerably. More houses means more people and young children as well as more traffic in the area and none would benefit.
2. Schools. A new primary school would be needed as well as a new secondary school and also provision for further education. There used to be three secondary schools in the area, now only one exists being Rednock.
3. Surgeries. Doctors in the area are already full to capacity so a new doctors surgery would be necessary along with a new pharmacy to service that. New doctors would need to be sourced – perhaps they should be found in plenty of time – in spite of more being needed for the NHS in general. The same applies to dentists – local surgeries would be inadequate for the numbers suggested.
4. Hospitals. Many years ago Berkeley had a district hospital serving the community. This closed when the Vale Hospital opened in Dursley with twenty beds and a minor injuries unit. This was to replace Berkeley Hospital. While the minor injuries unit survives, X Ray facilities have been severely reduced and the hospital has just six beds now available. Gloucester Hospital is generally full to capacity and have no chance of sending patients out for care locally to be close to home.
5. Global Warming. Do we need all of the concrete which is covering our land? Houses and roads are smothering our countryside and a few trees will not make any difference to the oxygen that we need to breathe. This plan is trying to join Slimbridge with Dursley and Cam and how much further? What a mess Box Road has become with the houses being built there at present and many more planned. It has become almost impossible to get to the railway station and the parking is a nightmare. What has become of our green and pleasant land? The planners will do their perceived job, the builders will make money and both will move on to the next plan without any care or consideration for the future of our countryside or the next generation(s).
6. Decision. I do hope that Stroud District Council will think very carefully about this proposed development, consider the future and turn this proposal down.

