

Uley Parish Council



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Local Plan Review
c/o Stroud District Council

Uley Parish Council- Response to Draft Local Plan Review – January 2020

Uley Parish Council is very concerned to see that the following paragraph remains in the current draft on page 98 under Landscape Sensitivity: **The preferred direction for housing growth in landscape terms is to the south east.** We would ask for this paragraph to be removed.

Uley Parish Council strongly support the removal of site PS29 from the November 2019 draft of the LPR. We would not want to see the site included in any 'reserve sites' list should it exist. Any arguments that development here would enhance the AONB are not supported by Uley Parish Council.

In the 'Stroud District Council (SDC) Local Plan Review Emerging Strategy Consultation Report – Part Two', SDC have recognised that development here, close to the edge of the AONB, would cause unnecessary harm and have an adverse impact on the setting of the AONB, particularly when there are other locations away from the AONB that are available to meet the needs of the local area and the District.

Extending Dursley further up the Uley valley will further exacerbate traffic problems that are already giving great concern. Uley has borne the brunt of much of the increased traffic from the new developments to the East of Dursley town centre. The village is not laid out in such a way that the main route through the village (The Street) can be widened. We already have problems with the increasing number of cars in the village finding space to park; this problem is only going to get worse.

There are two pinch points in the village - one by Montpelier House and one just before the South Street turning - where the carriageway is barely two cars wide. The village has a school to which many pupils walk; this becomes ever more problematical with the increase in traffic.

The recent traffic assessment noted that many cars from Dursley turn right at the Fop Street crossroads and go up Lampern Hill, with a comparable number coming down and turning left for Dursley.

This carriageway, the verges, the blind bends, the access to properties lining the road, the incline, the lack of adequate drainage and the lack of refuge on either side of the hill, all render the increased traffic highly undesirable and potentially dangerous. Lampern Hill is marked as unsuitable for heavy vehicles, yet more and more are using this road further endangering other users. Cyclists, walkers and riders use this road, but it is becoming increasingly hostile to them.

Regards



Temporary Uley Parish Clerk.