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Apologies but I missed the deadline as I thought it was at the end of January. I hope this is not too late to be included.

In terms of comments, I have no specific comments except on the Whaddon site.

I am not in favour of the development as I think it will alter the character of the area too significantly- it will change Whaddon from being semi-rural place to suburban. At the moment, on leaving Tuffley there is a real sense that you are leaving the city behind, and as the Stroud District begins, it is clear that you are coming into a rural landscape with expansive views. The proposed development will completely change this. It extends the urban creep from Gloucester and I think this will have a negative emotional and mental impact on people who have used that route frequently, as I have. The palpable sense of relax as you leave the city behind is not to be underestimated as a factor in mental and emotional health for the whole community, those travelling through as well as those living there.

If the development were to go ahead, I would suggest that there needs to be significant tree screening between the road and the building so as to try to maintain the sense of rural views that is so lovely when you leave Gloucester and go through Whaddon towards Brookthorpe.

The display boards at the meeting in Brookthorpe showed different illustrations to the ones online, and indicated that a secondary school was being proposed, right on the edge of the site and bordering the M5. (It worries me that different plans were being presented as it means that people only looking at the online proposal would not be able to comment on the current proposals by the developers.) I don't think that would be a good location for a school and I also question whether the building of a secondary school would be justified.

Kind regards

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