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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Wisloe Green
Categories: Consultation response

Dear Stroud District Council,

I am writing to object to the proposal to build the new 'Wisloe Green' settlement near Cambridge:

- With the hollowing out of town centres and the failing of high streets, it seems wrong to create new population centres away from existing towns.
- There is very little local employment – inhabitants would need to travel to work
- The current amenities, infrastructure and transport systems are already stretched and not sufficient to support what would be disproportionate increase in use.
- Developments on cultivatable would seem to go against principles of sustainability of food supply.
- The land forms an important part of the natural drainage system – it is often very wet. Covering it with manmade materials (whatever the so-called water compatible 'manor' mentioned in the proposal) has the potential to cause serious problems, not only for the development for the wider area too.
- The 'barriers' to cultivation described in the proposal have not prevented the land from being cultivated before.
- If the aim of the Ernest Cook Trust is to educate young people about the land, then selling that land and building on it is more of a breach of that trust than a 'reinterpretation' of it.
- A development of this size would vastly impact and change the character of the surrounding area and settlements.

I think that it is important to consider the longer-term impact of our actions and the heritage that we pass on rather than finding quick-fix solutions to short-term targets.

I do hope you will take these points into account.

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