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Subject: Wisloe Green Proposed Development

I would like to object to the proposed development for many reasons but my main objection is that I believe this development is against Stroud Council's own guidelines.

Stroud Council identified the need to protect existing communities from coalescing with surrounding communities. Wisloe, Cambridge, is a dispersed settlement where development proposals should be considered very carefully, infilling could ruin the character of the village whilst estate development would overwhelm it. It would coalesce all the Slimbridge communities and potentially join Dursley and Cam with the Severn Vale which is against all planning principles.

Stroud Council also identified the need to reduce CO2 emissions, this proposed development is sandwiched between the M5, main Gloucester to Bristol railway and the A38, the protection required from noise and pollution to meet statutory minimums for any future residents would be virtually impossible to achieve.

The landscape harm in the local situation and particularly from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is impossible to mitigate and would, under normal circumstances, prevent development. The land in question also hosts Red Data list birdlife protected under national and international legislation. The Wisloe area is high grade agricultural land (grade 2 - the largest and one of only two blocks in the Stroud District) and once built on will be just another brown field site. Its loss would require far greater inputs on other compensatory land to produce the same amount of crops.

The land in question is a flood plain; the water table is high enough that water sits on the surface for sometimes months at a time. Add 1500 houses plus; parking, new roads and paths, facilities, businesses and their parking, where will all that water go?

The local road system is already struggling with the traffic between the A4135 and the A38, surely a huge increase in traffic from 15-30 locals at present rising to 1500-3000+ in the future will have a huge impact. If there is a motorway hold up it can take hours to travel up the A38 to Wisloe Road. With a new housing estate either side of the A4135 the new housing estates would become rat runs whenever the roundabout backed up.

It was identified that the most significant issue/challenge to address in the District was to ensure that new housing developments are located in the right place, supported by the right services and infrastructure to create sustainable development. I believe that this proposed development fails on all counts.