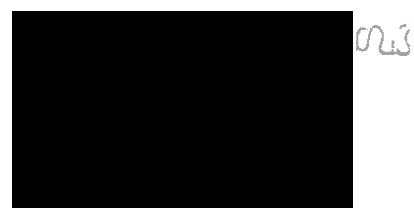


Local Plan Review
The Planning Strategy Team
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Dear Sirs

Re: Local Plan Review

I do not support the Council's preferred strategy for meeting Stroud District's future growth and development needs.

The Plan goes against the consultation response for dispersal of homes. Dumping all the additional requirement onto Wisloe was an easy fix for the planners. They must have thought Christmas had come early when the Ernest Cook Trust (a land conservation trust) opportunity dropped onto their laps.

The Wisloe development is not required as the Local Plan now has over 2000 more homes in than are needed.

Slimbridge, Cambridge and Gossington will be absorbed into a new town which will be joined to the expanded Cam. This will create an unbroken conurbation from the Cotswold hills to the Severn Vale. This coalescence goes against your own planning principles.

Cam is already a dormitory town for Bristol and new homes at Wisloe will attract residents from Bristol and increase traffic volumes. As most employment opportunities are either towards the north of the district or in Bristol the houses need to be nearer to them. Wisloe will just increase commuting significantly and put increase pressure on the A38.

The Wisloe site will have serious issues with both noise and air pollution due to the combined effect of the M5, A38, A4135 and the railway. The plans to mitigate against this will not solve the problems.

The land is classified as Grade 2 agricultural land which should not be developed. Furthermore it provides open space for birds such as Curlews and Lapwings.

Slimbridge has suffered from issues with run off water and sewerage and the proposed development will cause additional run off. What actions will be taken to stop this increasing Slimbridge's problems?

We are all concerned about how the large increase in population will affect local services such as schools and doctors. Secondary schools are at capacity. How will extra GPs be found? The Plan should ensure that these services are provided and not left to chance.

The Wisloe site is not needed and has been shoe horned in without proper planning consideration.

Yours faithfully

