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Subject: Local Plan Review - Comment

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I write on behalf of the group Real Slad Valley People (RSVP).

We note that your plan recommends Baxter's Fields and Mc Nally's Field, in Summer Street, Stroud for protection from Development:

Local spaces identified for protection within settlements included sports fields, green spaces, parks, play areas, allotments, community orchards and wildlife areas. Comments supporting the protection of specific areas included Frith Wood (Chalford); the Narles field (Frampton); Parry's Field (Horsley); Minchinhampton Common; Broadham Fields (Painswick); Holywell Farm (Wotton); and The Heavens; **Baxter's Field; Mc Nally's Field**; Grange Field and Wickridge Hill (all Stroud). The canal corridor, the Cotswold Way and public footpaths were also identified as important open spaces for special protection.

We fully support this position.

Applications to Develop these areas of land have been consistently refused since the 1960s for the following reasons:

- Visual Impact upon the "green finger" in the Valley Landscape
- Proximity to the AONB
- Impact upon the setting of Heritage Assets
- Impact upon the Public Right of Way
- Heritage Assets on the site (two Roman Enclosures)
- Impact upon Ecology (Bats, Badgers, Otters)
- Flood Risk to the Town of Stroud
- Traffic and highway capacity in Summer Street
- Use of the land by Local People.

Since 2012, Gladman Developments have sought to develop Baxter's Fields and multiple Applications have been refused by the Council and also protested against by the Slad Valley Action Group (SVAG) and ourselves (RSVP).

We, SVAG and the Council have invested significant effort defending two Appeals and preparing for a third withdrawn Appeal by Gladman Developments, Gladman withdrawing, even though their aspirations had fallen from an original 140 dwellings to around 20.

We would urge you to ensure that the Baxter's Fields and also the Mc Nally's Field area is granted the highest level of protection, beyond a mere Public Space, in reality it should be part of the AONB and is within metres of the AONB. Its significance in relation to Cider with Rosie and Laurie Lee was accepted by the Inspector at Appeal. We would ask that you work to ensure that absolutely NO Development can ever take place at this location.

Faithfully



Real Sad valley People (RSVP)