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Local Plan Review,
The Planning Strategy Team,
Stroud District Council,
Ebley Mill,
STROUD GL5 4UB

Dear Sirs

**OBJECTION to the Draft Local Plan
In particular PS37 Wisloe Garden Village**

I am commenting on the Draft Local Plan and in particular the proposed Garden Village at Wisloe.

My main concerns are as follows:

- The proposed location is good quality agricultural land. It should not be concreted over, there are better places for houses.
- Concreting over Wisloe Green will mean rainwater will run off more quickly increasing the flood risk in Cambridge and Slimbridge.
- The proposed location is in one of the most Rural Areas of Stroud District. When combined with the developments taking place in Cam there will be a continuous Urban Sprawl between Dursley and Slimbridge.
- Wisloe Green would be a terrible place to live, sandwiched between the M5 and the A38. Levels of Noise and Air Pollution will be excessive
- There is very little local employment, and hardly any high quality / well paid employment. The proposed provision of employment land will do little to correct this.
- Given that there is little local employment, people will have to travel to Gloucester, Cheltenham or Bristol. The capacity of Cam and Dursley station is limited so people will have to drive on roads which are approaching capacity (particularly when considering the developments at Cam, Berkeley and Sharpness). The increased vehicle traffic will conflict with the objectives of the Stroud District "Climate Emergency" declaration.

If these houses really are required, they should be located either:

- a) In existing communities at a rate which allows integration with the existing population. Or
- b) Either close to employment (e.g. Hardwicke) or closer to Motorway junctions to access Cheltenham or Bristol (e.g. Stonehouse).

Yours sincerely

