

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** \_WEB\_Local Plan  
**Subject:** Proposed new village, Wisloe, Slimbridge.

Dear Planners,

Despite attending your public meetings and reading your proposals for Wisloe, I can't find any sense in them.

You start off by writing " the new settlement will be distinct and separate from surrounding communities ". No it won't, because it's only the other side of the road in some cases, and in others you have removed existing roads from your plans entirely to try and prove your point .

Please get a map out and look up Old Dursley Road and Wisloe Road, from just east of the Slimbridge roundabout and onwards.

You are effectively joining Cam, Slimbridge and Cambridge together, not separating them .

You are proposing to join the new development to existing roads in the area which are already overloaded, before adding another 2,500 cars to it. A proposed new filling station in Wisloe was rejected by yourselves over 20 years ago because " the Slimbridge / A38 roundabout is already overloaded ". It's doubly overloaded now with the huge increase since then, due to the massive new estates built recently in Cam and Dursley .

Current local residents wait ages now - and take their lives into their hands - trying to get their cars from the Old Dursley Road and Ryalls Lane onto the A38 and onwards to Gloucester or Bristol .

The Ryalls Lane / A38 junction has been the scene of 5 deaths during my time here, due to this.

The only way you can mitigate this would be by building a new motorway access junction where the Slimbridge to Cam road crosses the M5..... something totally missing from your plans, I note.

Then we come to the existing sewage system . The whole area is currently served by single 5 inch dia pipes, which have now been reduced to 4 inches dia, as Severn Trent have just lined them internally to stop leaks. So, even less sewage can go down them, which has actually increased the large number of houses suffering sewage flooding, and the number of houses unable to use their toilets when it rains as they overflow onto the floor.

In several recent meetings with Severn Trent at their Staverton ( Cheltenham ) offices, they told Slimbridge Parish Council that it would cost them many millions of pounds ( which they don't have ) to put in the whole new large-pipe system that the Parish needs.

Meanwhile, they have put non-return valves into many folks houses, which stops the flooding as long as you don't use your toilets, but then causes other houses to have their first ever floods because - you see - the sewage has to get out somewhere if it can't get down the pipes.

It's obvious that building more houses in this Parish will be impossible until new main sewers of much greater diameter are installed .

Your plans to build more shops, schools and work premises are ridiculous too, as in Cambridge we don't even have high speed broadband yet, or any proposed dates for the new necessary fibre-optic cables to be installed. At present it's impossible sometimes to connect up to the system, and if you do, connections fail randomly under use as more people try to connect up.

I sincerely hope the whole Wisloe scheme is vetoed now, and sense prevails .

Yours faithfully.

Sent from Samsung tablet.