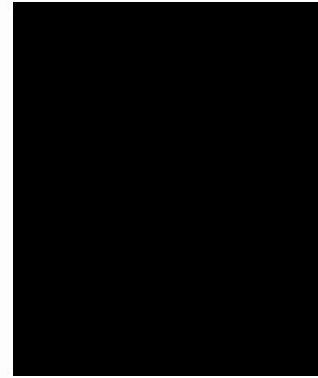


Stroud District Council  
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For the attention of [REDACTED]  
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17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW; DRAFT LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION, PERIOD ENDING MIDNIGHT 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021**

**WASHWELL FIELDS (PS41)**

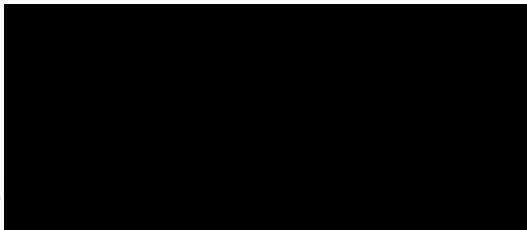
I write to record my objection to the above which I base on the following:-

- 1. Objections:** I consider my letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 to be relevant and the points therein worthy of your attention prior to submitting your final draft plan. I am particularly concerned about the disposal of surface water/sewerage and do not consider it appropriate for you to defer judgment on this matter until the planning application stage. Scant/limited attention appears to have been made to other matters such as Piling, Increased Traffic Flow/Congestion, Access to the Site, Pedestrians (especially children), and Wild Animals/Birds.
- 2. Tiering:** You have clearly made a mistake with the tiering for Painswick throughout the consultation period. The correspondence (e-mails) from [REDACTED] are referenced in this regard. For the Principal Planning Officer to have delegated responsibility for this matter to an Interim Planning Manager beggars belief after such a long period of consideration.
- 3. Duty to Co-Operate:** I feel the Principal Planning Officer to have failed in his duties in this regard. Not only has this Officer failed on the points covered above but also on a wider Gloucestershire basis (see letters to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 – copies enclosed). I feel this should be a resignation issue for someone with such an important role in our community.
- 4. Contact with Central Government:** For information I have written to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities & Local Government and the Prime Minister on

this subject. I have explained to them both how Stroud Council is failing to give width of vision to their long term housing planning. In my opinion Stroud and all other local councils in Gloucestershire should be looking to build a new small town which I believe to be feasible in the Sharpness/Berkeley area. The current piecemeal plan is just so poor and as a member of the public I hope someone with vision and drive will step forward on this subject.

Thank you for providing me with another opportunity to contribute to your study.

Yours sincerely,



Copies:

- [REDACTED] letters 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2020 & 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2021 to Rt. Hon Robert Jenrick.

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1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Dear Mr Jenrick,

**STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW - GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

I wrote to you on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 and am somewhat disappointed that your department has not found time to acknowledge receipt of my letter (copy enclosed).

Please note that I have given serious consideration to your Strategic Planning Review and my proposal to plan the development of a new town at Sharpness/Berkeley in Gloucestershire must surely be worthy of your consideration.

As things currently stand my local district council (Stroud) appear to have rejected thoughts of a Gloucestershire wide plan as they concentrate on a piecemeal approach. This I believe to be short sighted. Regrettably I must now report that it is impossible as a local resident to successfully communicate with Stroud District Council as they are struggling under the pressures presented by the Corona-19 virus.

From a national perspective I remain of the opinion that Stroud District and Gloucestershire County Councils will benefit from a much greater input from your department. Overall direction is needed now and by so doing you will be able to compare for yourself the effects of new town planning versus a piecemeal approach. I sincerely hope you will intervene to the good of society overall.

In addition to me writing to you as Secretary of State, local residents here in Painswick have joined together as members of a residents association. We are trying very hard to communicate with Stroud District Council, Planning Department, as we seek to obtain answers to some fundamental questions relating to their piecemeal plans. As things stand we believe inaccurate data is probably being used, e.g.: Tiering for local development.

Overall direction is, I believe, the order of the day. Having followed your career with interest I have confidence that you will want to do the right thing. Now is the time here in Stroud Secretary of State.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Dear Mr Jenrick,

**STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW- GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

I write to you in your capacity as Secretary of State with overall responsibility for the preparation of a strategic plan covering future housing and associated development needs.

Currently you have tasked Regional Councils who in turn have asked District Councils to prepare Draft Strategic Plans in order to start the process of planning for our future needs.

Regrettably I see Gloucester County Council moving off at a tangent by allowing District Councils to put their plans forward by using a piecemeal approach to established development needs. My own District Council (Stroud) is a typical example on this point. Instead of taking an overall approach to population, housing and employment needs Gloucester County Council is allowing small green field developments to be proposed based on perceived local requirements. The net result of this is to minimise the use of brown field opportunities.

I am in no doubt that we need a national and regional development plan because of growing population trends and I hope you will forgive me contacting you because I believe Gloucestershire County Council is in need of some central Government direction on the subject. Accordingly I wish to put forward an idea that I believe will benefit everyone.

My idea is that Gloucestershire should build a new town in Sharpness/Berkeley. There are many brown field sites in the area as well as existing new developments that could be used as a launch pad for a new town. Infrastructure plans will have to be considered but I believe existing motorway/dual carriageway connections to Gloucester, Bristol and Stroud can all be used to minimise the investment cost. My plan will give an opportunity to build many more affordable homes than will be possible by a piecemeal approach. Employment opportunities must surely be greater by a new town approach.

I hope you will consider my proposal and if you see fit give guidance to Gloucester County Council. I have, of course, written to the leader of Gloucester County Council on the subject and await his response. An input from your Central Government Department may just help the matter. We can and should do better. A more ambitious approach, in my opinion, is in my opinion, the best way forward.

I hope to hear from you with your thoughts and of course I wish you success in planning for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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