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**From:**   
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**Dear Sir(s)**

**Development of Land in the Parish of Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon namely between Naas Lane and Grange Road and along the A4173 Gloucester to Stroud Road.**

We are writing to strongly object to any further development between the Tuffley area and the Cotswold Escarpment on land that provides the last green/agricultural belt on the south side of Gloucester between Gloucester and Stroud and overlooked by Robinswood Hill and the Country Park.

Whaddon is an unusual Oasis in this space with a 13th Century Church, common land and resting in the landscape near to Robinswood Hill Country Park.

Unlike many other areas around Gloucestershire, some with brown field sites available, Whaddon is not in need of re-generation or industrial development nor is it in need of any mixture of the two. It is not an area of employment other than in the agricultural industry.

It has long been the policy of both Gloucester City and Stroud District Councils to retain this green Oasis for the benefit of all with many public footpaths, horse riding facilities and other country pursuits.

The already oversubscribed use of the A4173 from Gloucester to Stroud is about to face even more congestion once the several hundred new homes to be built in Grange Road are finished and occupied. St Barnabus roundabout on the route into Gloucester is so congested now at peak times that from Whaddon it can be quicker to walk into the City of Gloucester than drive. This fact having already been ignored when development was granted for the new houses in Grange road. Watch out for serious future problems!

It is incumbent, we believe, on both Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council to have the good sense to ensure that the area outlined in this email continues to be protected as a special green area. It would be nice for once to see both authorities work together and not allow this potential development in favour of the common good rather than bow to the demands of speculators who are in any case only interested in easy build options in order to maximise profits.

