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Wisloe Garden Village Objections

It is with abject horror we view the proposition of squeezing in a totally disproportionate amount of housing between Cambridge, Slimbridge and Cam. This is an area already renown for its poor drainage, inadequate sewage disposal, low water pressure that effects some of the houses in Slimbridge and a broadband connection which is so poor and antiquated, that connection to the internet is virtually non-existent at times, and is nowhere near the set-out government levels.

In our view the proposed Garden Village at Wisloe will totally overwhelm the Hamlet of Cambridge, the Village of Slimbridge and coalesce them with Cam and Dursley, completely annihilating the separate rural character of these areas.

Whilst we recognise the need for additional housing both to meet government targets as well as provide affordable housing for Gloucestershire residents the sheer size of this proposal is totally ill-conceived

With Global warming now accepted as inevitable, the current predictions for extreme weather conditions and the frequency of their occurrence requires that responsible councils should take the possibility for flooding very seriously when considering planning applications. To continue with this current plan in our opinion is just inviting water encroachment into the premises of all existing buildings which are already sitting on a high-water table. Just one persistent downpour leaves an inordinate amount of surface water on the proposed site which if this is covered in bricks and mortar then the water will overwhelm the flood defences of the Cam and the resultant flood will inundate the houses and roads in Cambridge causing chaos and destruction.

Roads within this area are so poorly maintained (with no apparent substructure). The traffic using the Dursley road is already causing the houses to shake and tremor and walkers, cyclists and horse riders are at considerable risk from the potholes and speed of the traffic and state of the road now, with this set to increase to horrific proportions with the construction traffic, it won't be long before this results in a serious/fatal incident. This is before taking into account all the additional traffic from the occupants of the new houses. The roads leading to the station are already overloaded with parked cars overflowing from the station car park which is far too small to cope with the number of commuters now. This situation would clearly be magnified by a development of this magnitude. Likewise parking on the roads leading down to the canal and Slimbridge.

New schools, shops and commercial buildings are proposed to accommodate the needs of additional housing, yet without the essential facilities, how would these survive without internet etc?

Rural living would not be complete without our badgers, foxes, weasels, kingfishers, and all our native birds which appear to be diminishing at a rate of knots, but all which have been viewed by us in Dursley / Wisloe road in the last 2 years. These would disappear with your proposal.

We would request that the council's government set target for house building be approached in a far more sensitive and rational way, where the allocation be spread more across the county rather than blight and coalesce the communities of Cambridge, Slimbridge Cam and Dursley totally destroying the character of these places and undoubtedly exposing them to the danger of repeated flooding.

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