

After attending the presentation at Stonehouse on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the proposal for Leonard Stanley, we wish to comment as follows:-

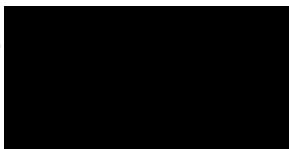
It is stated that more houses are required within the Stroud area i.e. Berkeley, Minchinhampton, Nailsworth, Painswick and smaller places like Kings Stanley, Leonard Stanley and North Woodchester. Whilst these places have adequate transport facilities, the smaller villages have no employment/shopping facilities, therefore most people would have no alternative but to commute to work elsewhere. If you are saying that Leonard Stanley should be Tier 3a because of its closeness to Kings Stanley, then we could argue the same would apply to Eastcombe being near to Bussage but you've accepted Eastcombe as Tier 4. How can you make distinctions in the Tier when both villages have the same facilities similar to the adjoining places.

Reference to our village of Leonard Stanley, we could not be brought in line with other places. Access into the village via Ryeford or Stanley Downton (which when there is heavy rain the road floods from the river and canal down through Bridgend. We would then have to go via Selsley and Middleyard. We suggest that the people deciding our fate take a look at these roads for accessibility.

Our main concerns over this controversy is the severity of the traffic who use Marsh Road, Bath Road, Church Road and Severn Waters. Due to the vast increase in the recent developments built within the village the volume of traffic that now use Marsh Road has vastly increased this road was not built for the amount of traffic it now has to take on a daily basis. A big part of the problem is due to cars which are parked outside of people's homes, which is understandable seeing they have no parking facilities within their boundaries. They also tend to park their cars half on the pavement which understandably prevents wheelchairs and pushchairs etc having access so it has been witnessed that pedestrians have to cross the road to get to a unoccupied pavement and because of the speed of some motorists there has been some near misses.

We fail to understand the reasoning in the first place to erect the vast number of new homes in the village where the facilities i.e. shops, medical facilities etc don't exist and it also appears that the Leonard Stanley school which is currently over subscribed and has a waiting list of which, when after the Mankley Field's existing empty homes together with any further newly built homes become occupied, would inevitably increase the school's waiting list, so where do the children go to school?? We have also been told that the green field area of land adjacent to the school which is owned by the GCC which was intended for an expansion to the school's playing field could now be built on restricting any further expansion to the school's facilities, what is the sense of that??

Being elderly citizen's ourselves of the village and having experienced the constant disturbances of the construction site's activities adjacent to our bungalow we consider that the village has had enough disturbances during the building work of these homes, why not invest the money into creating more facilities into the village.



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