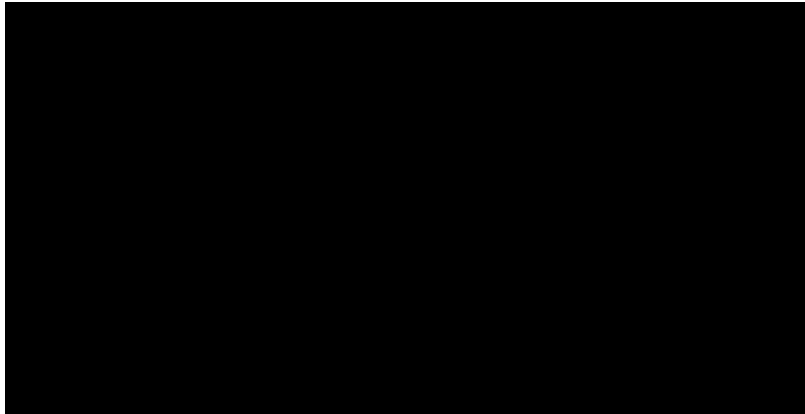

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently read the Stroud Local Plan and as a resident of Cam, Dursley I am rather alarmed by it's content. My understanding is that Cam Parish Council and a lot of residents along the river are totally opposed to PS25 (back of Tesco), which, if allocated will allow easy future access to the fields up to Upthorpe and no doubt beyond. It is also very likely that any developers will want to square up PS25 and therefore build even more than 180 houses in what is a very environmentally sensitive area with the Rackleaze conservation area becoming well established over recent years and wildlife returning. An independent assessment carried out by CPC has confirmed this is not a suitable place for housing but this isn't new information to SDC as their own assessment also confirmed it as not suitable for development and yet still they have included it in the local plan against the expressed wishes of CPC! If allocated, developers will say it's not viable at just 180 and, no doubt, SDC will allow it as the landowner wants to sell all the Upthorpe fields even though all the evidence says it's not suitable for development.

In addition, you will be aware that the original development behind Millwood Motors was for 700 houses, with green spaces and a new school including affordable housing. This has now turned into an amended application to 900 houses with much reduced green spaces! But it doesn't end there - it's now come back with a request for 1030. The first thing to go is always green spaces and landscaping then it's affordable housing as developers make little money from this and will try every trick in the book to reduce the allocation. The density of this development exceeds anything else built here. So, if this is granted, it begs the question why would we need 180 houses in PS25 when Cam's required allocation is well exceeded by this development and Box Road? It is also anticipated that Phase 2 of the Box Road development, which is currently allocated for employment, will shortly be amended to more housing as there appears to be a lack of takers for business units.

We are in danger in Cam of sleep walking into our semi-rural area, and the reasons people want to live here for our green and open spaces, being concreted over. We all know we need more housing and in particular at affordable prices for local people but we need to be very careful what we agree to. Only just over one third of the Stroud District is deemed suitable for development but I think Cam and Dursley are taking more than their fair share. It will soon be difficult to distinguish between our different communities eg Cam, Dursley, Cambridge, Slimbridge etc etc, they are merging into one urban sprawl.

As a local resident I wanted to note my concerns and objections to the proposed OVER development of Cam and Dursley.

Kind Regards

