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Dear sirs

As a resident of Eastington, I feel as though certain points of the plan should be addressed.

#### Employment

The employment opportunities in the area are varied and available. Whilst the work is limited to certain industries, this will always be the case. Certain individuals will always need to commute to larger cities to satisfy more specific work, for example, I am a scientist and in my discipline can only work in Bristol, Birmingham or Cardiff within the region. It is impossible to believe the issue of long commutes can be avoided. People enjoy the contrast of living out if city.

Job opportunities in the area are plentiful, for example my social media feeds are filled daily with opportunities. Creating more of the same is not necessary.

#### Housing

Eastington has seen huge changes in recent years, with developments to 2 sites within the village (Bradestones Way and Swallowcroft). The housing offered fits in with demands of the market and offers a range of accommodation. The WoS development within the parish will further add to this. Sites highlighted as potential development sites within the village are not required and go against the point of sustaining the countryside plans. The point of limited accessibility to outside the village could be improved by an increased bus service to Stonehouse/Stroud/Cam/Dursley, with reasonable fares. The residents in the village are of all ages and the elderly or those who do not drive or certainly not isolated. There is a strong community and village ethos, which will be destroyed by further developments within the parish.

#### Sporting facilities

The plans for the football stadium on j13 of the m5 are opposed and unwanted. Not only will this affect the rural status of the area, but is unnecessary. The owners are rightly ambitious for FOR yet an increased capacity stadium will not bring more fans. The current ground is rarely sold out, and the financial implucations to the region must be carefully considered. This has been seen with other national teams, whereby clubs on moving to unsustainable or unnecessary new facilities has lead to the club to dissolve. Sporting facilities in the area are satisfactory. Facilities in Stroud, Goucester or Bristol are ideal, and also Cam. An improvement in these facilities should be considered if it is felt more is needed, or again an improvement in transport links. Simply building a brand new shiney facility is shirt sighted.

#### Stonehouse town centre

People need to want to go to Stonehouse. Improving of signage and cycle paths is very well, but there needs to be a draw here. Perhaps there should be a drive for local businesses, ie, those from Stroud, to set up in the highstreet to bake this a want to go area.

In summary, with the local plan, it must be remembered why people live in small villages and not large cities. The village life is important to many and the threat to this important lifestyle is stressful and devastating to many. The parish of Eastington have accommodated change in recent years, but this should stop somewhere.

The local.plan document is difficult to read and comment on everything, it should be accessible to all to comment on individual aspects important to them. There is information overload which is difficult to digest.

Regards



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