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With regards to the governments draft local plan to increase the housing numbers for Stroud District Council, and in particular Whitminster village.

Whitminster is classed as a tier 3 village in the current local plan which basically means it is capable of taking smaller amounts of development. The parcels of land identified as PS45 and WH1012 within the village are greenfield sites and would add approximately 40 new dwellings to the village. I can appreciate that there is a requirement for future development and the above identified parcels of land could potentially accommodate this requirement without over development of the village.

The parcel of land identified as PS646 within Whitminster is again a greenfield site. The loss of habitat to foraging wildlife, ground nesting birds, birds of prey and protective precise of plants and the right of way through this open countryside which is used by the community would be devastating. The impact on School Lane and in particular the Whitminster C of E infant school could potentially be dangerous as a high volume of road traffic will need to pass the school to gain access to the A38. The environmental impact and air pollution from these additional vehicles would potentially increase the health risk to the young children attending this school.

The parcel of land identified as WH1014 is again a greenfield site. This site has the potential for 2,250 new dwellings and will undoubtedly merge with land identified as PS20, which is currently being developed. Council needs to look at where land permission for large developments have failed in the past few years within the county and in particular along the A419 and A38.

Council planners should look again at the strategic assessment of land available sites which were starting to be collected back in 2016. Some of which seem to have fallen of the records and show no signs of being rejected for development. The positions and locations of sites may have altered over time and now could be suitable for additional dwellings/development.

Council planners should not consider the use of Greenfield sites for development and look at the brownfield sites register for identified land thus leaving the countryside unscathed, and the local habitat safe for our children and not creating unwanted eyesores and blemishes on the environment. I'm aware that some of these sites have permission to build on the Stroud website but I do not see how they get onto the local plan. Maybe council should ask owners/developers to get on and do this or possibly face a compulsory purchase order.

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