



Save Glebe Farm Launched to Oppose 150 New Homes in Minchinhampton

Public Meeting on November 21st

November 16th -- Concerned locals in Minchinhampton and the broader community have established [Save Glebe Farm](#) to oppose the proposed development of 150 homes.

Formed under the umbrella of the Protect Our Space organisation, the action group is holding a meeting on Saturday, November 21st at 2pm in the Market House to outline the facts, hear parishioners' views and talk about the campaign. The organisers welcome everyone from a broad cross-section of local opinion.

“Stroud District Council can only permit this development if it believes it has the backing of the community. As we work together to make our voices heard, the council will have to acknowledge the power of our opposition,” said Patrick Robertson, spokesperson for Save Glebe Farm. “If the council backs this development it would have a hugely detrimental impact on such a small town, as well as encouraging developers to target other local green field areas.”

Save Glebe Farm’s reasons for rejecting the development proposal include:

- This greenfield site is outside Minchinhampton’s settlement boundary, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- The scheme is out of line with national and local planning policies and will set an irreversible precedent
- From school places to parking spaces, Minchinhampton does not have the infrastructure to support another 150 houses
- Up to 300 more cars in central Minchinhampton will be unsustainable, with traffic levels and road safety already a local issue
- One of the town’s charms is its windy, narrow lanes. All five roads into the centre of Minchinhampton require drivers to stop to let other cars pass. Additional cars will result in gridlock, particularly when buses are in the area. Here’s a typical junction, just 400 metres from the proposed development:



Photo: corner of Tetbury Street and Market Square, Minchinhampton

“The developers are hoping to pull the wool over the council’s eyes by making ridiculous claims, such as predicting only 80 additional cars in the morning peak hour and 100 in the evening peak hour. Anyone walking or driving down two narrow roads from Glebe Farm to the centre of town - Friday Street or Tetbury Street – knows that any additional traffic would result in chaos and make it dangerous for pedestrians, as cars would have to climb the curb to pass. We want to live in a community where it is safe for our children to walk to school on the pavements,” added Robertson.

The site has already been rejected in Stroud's emerging Local Plan as a strategic site for development. Stroud District Council supports development opportunities within the town, protecting the sensitive AONB setting of the town and supports the Parish to bring forward a considered Neighbourhood Plan to meet local needs.

A planning application has been submitted for the Glebe Farm development marking the start of a 13-week consultation process. Minchinhampton Parish Council is holding a planning meeting to discuss proposals on January 11th, 2016, at 7pm. It is taking place at the Market House because of the expected interest from members of the public wishing to listen to the debate. There will be the usual short period for public questions.

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