

**Wendy Clutterbuck – response received 7 May 2013**

'To whom it concerns,

Now that the Government has withdrawn the top-down regional strategy in the South West and has reduced the number of houses required in this area, why is there still a need for South Glos Council to build 28,000 houses? Our previous questions about this to the Council have continually been answered by the argument that there is a top-down dictate from Central Government. As this is no longer the case, we would like to see the continued need for this number of houses to be reviewed and evidenced. Much of the local community in Hambrook Lane is against the number of houses proposed for East of Harry Stoke New Neighbourhood for a list of reasons already raised with Council members, and as a relevant 'local community' we request that our views are taken into account in light of the abolition of the SW Region Planning Strategy and current Government advice that local Councils 'with the involvement of local communities' should now decide on the housing needs in each area.'

Thanks,

Wendy Clutterbuck