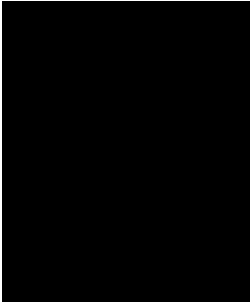


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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Development
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Dear Sir

RE: Sharpness and Berkeley Proposed Development

I would like to provide you with my feedback for the proposed development of up to 3000 dwellings occupying the area at Brookend, Sharpness, Berkeley, Wanswell and Hinton. I feel this is a disproportionate number of houses to build within and around these settlements for the following reasons:

1. Already our local amenities are under strain from the existing population who live in this area. Our primary schools and Health Centre are at full capacity and we no longer have a comprehensive school for our older children to attend. They are driven out of the area to another comprehensive school. Berkeley Police Station was closed in 2011/12 and I have not read that another Police Station will open to serve this new development.

2. We have insufficient industry in this area, so, therefore, new residents will inevitably commute out of the area to either Bristol or Gloucester, thus creating more congestion on our A and B roads. The B road which runs from Wanswell, Pitbrook through Breadstone and joins the A38 is very often used by many cyclists, joggers, horse riders and pedestrians. The increase in traffic, which this proposed development will create, will no doubt pose a great danger to these other road users as there are no pavements or cycle tracks. The motorway junctions 13 and 14 are also at full capacity during rush hour times and the extra traffic (potentially up to 6000 vehicles) will have a direct effect on the congestion already experienced by many road users on the outskirts of Bristol / Filton. I've attached a copy of a reader's letter from the local Gazette detailing the problems they are experiencing in the neighbouring town of Thornbury, where over the years, they've had many new dwellings built on the outskirts of their town. I was under the impression that our Government wanted us all to reduce our carbon footprint and emissions, these will be doubled if this development goes ahead.

3. The destruction of wildlife habitats and trees which are all part of our valuable and delicate ecosystem, the extra concrete and tarmac surfaces and the milder winters will all increase the

possibility of severe flooding. These settlements will be situated on a flood plain, so I sincerely hope the Council will have provisions in place to deal with this very serious threat.

Yours faithfully

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