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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Berkeley settlement consultation

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed developments to the north of Berkeley. This is for the following reasons:

- the number of homes proposed is completely disproportionate to the rest of the community. The settlement will dwarf Berkeley and have a negative impact on the community and local businesses. As high streets around the country are struggling, surely this is the wrong time to introduce new supermarkets etc to the locality?
- the proposed settlement will ruin the rural beauty of the area. The views and wildlife will be permanently ruined.
- the current infrastructure is completely unsuited for a new large settlement. 5000 new homes will mean 10000 new cars. Not only is the Berkeley area ill suited to meet the extra demand but also the a38 and m5 junctions.
- there are very few employment opportunities for such a large influx of new residents. There are no large scale employers so new residents would have to use roads to commute and damage the environment. Surely Stroud would be a more sensible location?

Additionally, I would like to register my disappointment that you, our elected officials in Stroud have wilfully tried to hide the consultation process from us. You have not only deliberately timed the consultation for the Christmas holidays but also failed to publicise it properly. If it wasn't for friends and neighbours using word of mouth we would have been completely unaware that a development so huge in scale was planned. I believe this is unacceptable and frankly, contemptible treatment of council tax paying residents of Stroud district. I am looking forward to the next local elections so I can register my displeasure further at the ballot box.

Yours sincerely

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