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Alkington PC would like to raise the following concerns about the draft Local Plan and the impact the proposed Sharpness development will have on the residents of the parish.

We do not feel that the proposals are appropriate for the plans for a large development at Sharpness as feedback to the initial public consultation was to have small pockets of development. The draft takes not take into consideration this evidence from the original public consultation and this should be revisited.

There would be a huge increase in traffic, both private and commercial, from Sharpness impacting on the A38 in both directions. The existing roads to Sharpness are poor, as evidenced in the current plan, although it was changed to good in the review without any supporting evidence. There are no guaranteed plans to improve the infrastructure which would be needed should a large development go ahead. The plans as it stands is not sound or deliverable and consideration should be given to more suitable development site at Moreton Valence.

Realistically the assumptions about local employment at Sharpness are not realistic as decades of promotion have not brought in viable numbers of jobs to the site, so would not provide enough jobs to ensure that the majority of residents in the new development would have to commute. In addition, such a development at Sharpness would place massive pressure on existing school places and add to the movement of traffic out of the new town. There would be a negative environmental impact because of the long commutes required for jobs and education. Again, the plan is not sound and not justified by hard evidence and consideration should be given to developing the site at Moreton Valence which is closer to Gloucester and not at odds with the Gloucester 2050 vision.

Both motorway junctions, 13 for Gloucester/Cheltenham and 14 for Bristol, are already at capacity, and already have large developments being built adjacent to them. When the M5 is closed, the A38 takes all the traffic, putting it under great pressure. The railway link is not a reality, as confirmed by Mr M Russell at a recent SDC Environment Committee meeting. There is no evidence that the link would be deliverable and we recommend that the Moreton Valence site would be much more suitable with existing good infrastructure.

Kind regards  
Alkington PC