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To whom it may concern

I am responding to you regarding the outline plans for the proposed future developments of Berkeley, Sharpness, and Newtown areas, my partner and I recently attended a local residents meeting to discuss the proposed developments, to our surprise and horror we were not even aware of how large the scale of the proposals. Whilst we all accept that change is eventually inevitable, and this includes the addition of new houses and better facilities in our local communities which should benefit everyone, what we completely object to is the sheer scale of the proposed developments and what the implications are likely to be, not just for the existing residents but for any new residents.

We feel that the proposed NO's are not in proportion to what this area can support, taking all things into account and looking at the whole picture, there will be massive environmental impact and disturbance of local wildlife habitat, also what are the implications to Slimbridge wetlands trust, there are established migration routes and local feeding grounds for species that have used these for many years!. The areas that are being looked at have fragile infrastructure in place at present, let alone for proposals of huge numbers of housing!, can these areas cope with what is being planned?. Can we cope With the number of houses being proposed and the potential huge increase in vehicle numbers and journeys that will occur, thus clogging existing local fragile roads as well as the A38 and motorway junctions. We feel that these proposals will not enhance / build/cement local rural communities, it will only create sterile fragmented diluted "garden villages", that do nothing to promote and keep the feel of living in a rural setting. Currently there is little employment in these areas to attract people, so therefor these areas will be just somewhere to live, everyone will be commuting to outside areas.

To sum up our feeling, whilst we recognise our responsibility to accept our share of new housing that is needed, we feel the vast numbers that are proposed in these relatively poor areas is not justifiable, in terms of the green spaces that are and will disappear at alarming rates, lack of any new employment being thought of for new residents[just creating more vehicle journeys].

We live in a rural setting because we choose to be in a quieter cleaner less stressful enviroment , we hope the areas in which we live is not spoilt with a sprawl of bland , soulless housing estates that blight our landscape and destroy the pleasures of living in a rural community.

Yours sincerely

