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Dear [REDACTED]

1. It has only just come to my attention the subject proposal. Although housing is needed to support local people the numbers of the garden development (circa >5000) is clearly unsustainable without improvement of:

- a. Local infrastructure.
- b. New Schooling.
- c. A bold, revamp public transport (inc. new rail links).
- d. Assurance of a vast number of local employment.
- e. New, and increased medical services.
- f. Flood risks. Not currently a major problem but with the proposals it could be.

2. Most employment opportunities for local residents are supported by Bristol and Gloucester. There has been a slight growth in job numbers at the new college at the old power station but no where near the numbers employed there when the facility was operational.

3. Without the assurances for close by employment, much improved M5 links (junction 14 is currently struggling with peak traffic), people support services where the ward can cope with and a balanced economy for Berkeley high street traders (if a supermarket is placed nearby). The numbers of 1000+ between Berkeley town and the old power station is hardly proportionate and needs serious review (Berkeley towns's current population circa 2034 from the last 2011 ONS statistics report).

4. Further to a recent residents meeting, it is clear that Stroud officials need to engage with local officials / residents in a more timely manor for deeper consultation and listen to alternative suggestions. There should be a more sympathetic approach to housing numbers so the area can remain relatively crime free and sustainable to past housing created over the last 40 years.

5. In conclusion I would support a proportionate argument in housing development for the Berkeley ward area but nowhere near the current aspirations.

Yours Sincerely,

