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Hello,

My family and I recently moved to [REDACTED], having previously lived in [REDACTED] for 13 years, and was taken back by how 'low key' this proposed development has, and continues, to progress at speed

Whilst I am not imperceptive to new homes being built to accommodate our ever increasing population, the Local Plan potential development is beyond disproportionate to the volume of dwellings, vehicles and people within the vicinity of the potential development a view shared by all of the residents.

Common sense has to prevail insofar as Stroud District Council's quota needs dispersing across the district not allocating c3000 homes in one hamlet destroying the communities of several Villages by integrating the same into one housing 'estate'!

I present my objections to the potential development in the bullet points hereunder

1. Berkeley is an historical Town, famously centred around the formidable 12<sup>th</sup> Century fortress Of Berkeley Castle, not centred around c3000 new build homes with no parking, no gardens and no character.
2. How will the potential developments construction traffic be managed, the construction traffic at the current development in Berkeley regularly overflows on the truck road and material deliveries are commonly parked on the same – an unnecessary hazard and risk to resident
3. Parking, a parking space for a domestic vehicle measures 4800x2400mm = 11.52m<sup>2</sup> x 1.35 vehicles per household x c3000 homes = 46,656m<sup>2</sup> or 6½ football pitches – this will not all be allocated within the curtilage of the dwellings therefore further congesting the public highways
4. c4,000 more vehicles on the road at peak hours, a majority of which will be heading towards (and returning from) the A38/ M5 junctions 13 and 14. The existing infrastructure, both in and around the potential development and well beyond; Thornbury, Almondsbury (M5 Junction 15)... will not cope with the potential further demand without significant new infrastructure ensuring the new infrastructure is not limited to accommodate the potential development construction traffic – see item 2.
5. New homes bring new pollution both in the home - energy, commuting - vehicles as well as noise from c10,000 more people...
6. There are no job opportunities within the potential development area i.e. it is remote from main employment centres, therefore the development will be home to commuters working in the large neighbouring Cities and Towns having a negative impact on the current, and content, community
7. Amenities – Sharpness has one convenience store and Berkeley has 2 and a bakers – no primary facilities therefore new services will have to be developed which will dwarf the current modest, yet adequate, retail.
8. There is not a demand for c3000 homes in the area, in 2013 the Canal River Trust estimated 300 new houses of which c200 are currently under construction in Berkeley.
9. There will be a huge demand on the emergency services, and the current Marybrook GP Clinic, at a time when austerity is rife
10. How will the sewerage be disposed – health risk
11. The effect on the current landscape and ecology will be massive. The countryside and its natural habitats will be destroyed to make way for bricks and mortar, homes which the community does not demand nor want!
12. Why has the redundant Newport Towers eyesore not been considered as a regeneration project – this could easily accommodate a 1,000 new homes

The aforementioned list is not exhaustive but sets out the concerns of a resident fearful of the Local Plan potential development and the conceivable demise it would have on the existing charming communities of Sharpness, Berkeley and their neighbouring Villages

**Sharpness**  
**An existing Village – let's keep it that way!**

Kind regards,

