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Dear Sir / Madam,

I have taken some time to look at the proposals for the local plan and have attended meetings at Berkeley town hall showing what is being proposed.

I must say that I am disappointed with what I have seen. There appears to be an emphasis on larger developments rather than sprinkling smaller developments around existing ones in order to get a feel of organic growth. Some of these developments are being called "Garden Villages" when they are clearly anything but. There seems little consideration for traffic movement around them, between them and into the wider area. Public transport has been wound down for too many decades for any meaningful upgrading of them without investment that could never be recouped. The days of everybody going to the same location to work at the same time and return at the same time have also long gone. People buying into these properties will each need to have a car otherwise they will become a prisoner of their location. If there is not any REALLY SIGNIFICANT improvement in road network in and out of the area then you will be condemning all local residents to years of misery. There is very little room for growth in local employment and most people will be commuting to work in either Bristol, Gloucester or Cheltenham, and also remember that authorities in the surrounding areas will also be looking to meet their own targets and without cross authority consultations you will be helping to create mayhem.

We all recognise that we need more housing, but people like to live in communities. We need good roads and transport links, nice places to shop, schools, health clinics etc. What you are proposing is just acres of housing in order to fulfil your legal obligations to central government and you appear to have no interest in what your council tax payers would like.

If you get the infrastructure right then you will have developers coming to you in droves asking to build here and you will be able to call the shots rather than have to accept the poor quality houses that are being built presently.

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