

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 January 2019 11:54
To: [REDACTED] _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Local plan review Berkeley cluster

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED]

I'm writing to you about the local plan review.

I've lived in this lovely quiet village of Newtown/sharpness for my whole life, and while the way of life isn't for everyone, it is the reason I and many others choose to stay/live here, and for SDC to give permission to concrete all over it, affectively joining Sharpness,Newtown,Wanswell,Brookend and Berkeley into one big town would be disgraceful. How is it fair to just dump all those houses here?

Here are a few reasons I think this is totally the wrong place 1-the roads are not up to it,and as this is obviously going to be a commuter village due to the virtual non existent job prospects in the area,this is a major problem.In Newtown for instance, if the access point for these houses is the same as every other proposal from these developers(at the bottom of Saniger lane by the railway bridge) then obviously they would be not just turning left onto the already dangerous bypass there, but also going through Newtown and past the primary school, which is completely clogged up with cars parked on both sides of the road as it is.

As well as in the village, the B 4066 and Alkington lane are very busy and not fit for much more traffic as it is-let alone thousands more vehicles per day-there is no plans for the 3rd link of the by-pass to the A38 as I'm aware of, so how can this be considered? Also on this point, we already have 200 or so houses going up in Berkeley, 300 on the current local plan for Sharpness-these have the same negatives as the other developments and are in totally the wrong place-and the Howard Tennens warehouse that was snuck through the planning process without anyone knowing-this is on the bank of the supposedly protected river.

These three things will have a huge impact on traffic to this rural area-surely the traffic should be assessed when these have been built before anything else should even be considered.

2-one of the reasons the last (endless) batch of proposals from green square/hunter page was refused was down to the lack of suitable alternative natural green space to prevent damage to the SSSI,RAMSAR site of the river Severn-bearing in mind the last application that was refused was for "fifty" houses in Newtown next to the mallards development, so how on earth can you justify this obscene amount?

Especially as they will effectively be building all over any natural green space, so people will have nowhere "alternative" to walk.

3-Infrastructure

As stated before, no jobs, one small shop in Newtown, no secondary school-Berkeley vale was sold and now children are bussed elsewhere??primary school full, doctors full, inadequate roads and so on....

4- damage to the environment, not just the river, the proposed land in Newtown is full of wild hedgerows and wooded areas that is home to many species This was shown to have Dormice-listed as under threat.

This is also prime farmland that will surely be needed with a rising population?

As a member of the CPRE I'm aware that there is enough suitable brown field space to build roughly a million houses-isn't it about time this should be prioritised above the profit margin and convenience of greedy builders-Newport towers springs to mind.

Throughout our small community I know of virtually no-one who wants this development, but many think it's a foregone conclusion and that the decision has already been made regardless of what we, who will have to live with the huge consequences, have to say-and it's easy to see why they think that way...1/I see from the 2017 plan review that access to various facilities from sharpness/Newtown was rated as poor-now it is rated as good???how come?nothing has changed to my knowledge?.2/how come the comments on this proposal are not shown online like all other applications?why is it a secret how many oppose this?3/what will have changed since the council planners last refused much smaller

developments here that SDC now favour putting virtually all the extra houses for the district here?4/this developer has spent thousands here year after year in pursuit of building over this land, why would they waste money without hope?5/Berkeley development was refused countless times and they just kept appealing til they got their way regardless-surely if it's refused it should stay refused!

All over the country you hear of unwanted mass developments being forced on rural communities, SDC can do better than this-there are better options....Sharpness-Berkeley has had proportionally more than enough houses lately for our small communities to deal with,as I said earlier this will be full of commuters and should be near to the motorway/on the A38/or near to town, not dragging traffic miles out of the way on quiet country roads destroying countryside/farmland.

Oh and the argument regarding the proposed Severn bridge at Sharpness, with two bridges half an hour to the south and one at Gloucester what would be the point?there is no realistic call for it,and the cost of building it and putting a motorway to it would be astronomical, so therefor talk of re-instating the railway to Sharpness-would that realistically happen to take people from Sharpness to Berkeley and back??i can't see it. Finally, now there is a radioactive storage facility in Berkeley is it wise to build a town next door?

I hope SDC rethinks this.

Regards

██████████