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Sent: 10 January 2019 11:54
To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Proposed Garden Settlement at Sharpness

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to oppose the current plans for 1000's of new homes to be built in Sharpness and surrounding area.

- The number of proposed homes is **disproportionate** will totally outnumber existing homes by 3 to 5 times and will therefore destroy the character of the area depriving existing residents of their current community.
- The number of proposed homes far **outweighs** the numbers of homes required to **support natural growth** of the existing community.
- There is **no current employment** for so many people
- As there is no employment most of the new homes will be filled with **commuters** who will leave the area to work in Bristol or Gloucester.
- The roads will not take 1000's of commuters needing to reach the **A38** each day causing a great **need for spending on infrastructure**.
- Once on the A38 cars will need to join the **motorway** and in particular the Falfield **junction** is already at **maximum capacity**. This junction will also be busier due to the proposed new building outside Thornbury and in Falfield itself.
- A large concentration of **commuters will not enhance the local community** as they will not be part of it for much of their time.
- Proposed developments on green field sites will have a severe **detrimental effect of natural biodiversity** and will destroy ancient hedgerows and trees.
- It seems that the southern part of the district is being **over-loaded** with the houses to save building on more controversial areas in the Stroud district.
- Although in another authority Thornbury is already being loaded with many new homes with a proposed garden settlement at **Buckover just 15 minutes away from the new Sharpness development** and just because they are in different authorities doesn't mean that it should be ignored that they are so close to one another.

However I **would support a much smaller development in the Sharpness Docks area**. This area is already developed and is not particularly attractive and currently has no facilities for local residents or users of the Marina.

It should be developed so that traffic can continue to use the road built for lorries down to the docks thereby not destroying more fields by building new roads.

A tasteful development here with plenty of affordable housing along with some larger properties and some small leisure and retail outlets would **enhance the area and support existing small businesses** without destroying their livelihoods.

Yours faithfully,

