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From: [REDACTED]
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Sent: Sat, 12 Jan 2019 19:45
Subject: Proposed Housing Plan for Berkeley/Sharpness

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you to express my concern for the proposed plan for the large number of houses to be built between Berkeley/Sharpness. I agree that a number of homes need to be built but these need to be dispersed equally around the Stroud Area.

My concerns are as follows: -

- We have been told that the sea levels will rise as a result in global warning, why then would you consider building houses on a flood plain? The lower part of the field as per your plan PS33 is subject to flooding when it rains as do the fields either side of the stream so why consider building here?
- What happens to the wildlife that habitat this area, sparrow numbers have only just started to improve, if you remove all the hedge rows and wooded areas where will they nest, we also have barn owls in these areas if you destroy all the farm land and replace it with houses what will they feed on, the fields are their food source. Also, migrant birds feed around the fields during the winter. It will be disastrous for the ecology of this area.
- Increased Traffic - A calculation used of 1.25 cars per household times that by 5,000 houses which are proposed will mean 6250 or more extra cars along with all the traffic that currently use the access roads all trying to get on to the A38, as

most will have to travel to Gloucester, Stroud or Bristol as there are not any local jobs. The roads leading to A38 are not built for this amount of traffic. Junction 14 is already struggling to cope with the amount of traffic travelling to Bristol.

This will be further impacted by the development of land at Buckover and Falfield. This junction is going to be gridlocked. What is the point of building environmentally friendly homes when everyone will need to travel to their place of work, it makes a mockery of your environmental stance? Building on the A38 corridor towards Stroud and Gloucester would be better suited for development as they have easy access to the A38 and closer to the M5 junction 13 and jobs.

- Where will all the senior aged children go to school, Rednock and Katharine Lady Berkeley Schools are almost at capacity now. What about Nursery Care, there are no Nurseries in Berkeley or Sharpness and I am not sure if any will be built as they are costly to run and underfunded. If a Nursery was to be supplied and opened what would happen to the Pre-School Units running in both Berkeley and Sharpness School? Most of the Nurseries in Cam and Dursley are full and have waiting lists!
- Why would you want to build houses near a blast zone (Sharpness Docks) and where intermediate levels of nuclear waste is stored (Berkeley Power Station) a no fly zone is still present so still a risk! **Please see attached documents.** Although these are thought to be a low risk, accidents do happen!
- The level of homes that have been allocated has affordable homes is a joke. As with many government plans unless you have a good level of income then you will not be able to afford the homes on the plan. Developers will always try and cut these numbers of so say affordable homes once they start construction because they will end up losing money! Most jobs with the level of income required will not be found locally.
- Berkeley and Sharpness have suffered with the loss of many of its facilities, including a senior school, hospital, police station, bank. You only have to look at Thornbury to see that by building many more homes this has not rejuvenated the town as there are many shops left empty. People will always shop out of town as it is cheaper and very often it is closer to their place of work. Environmentally this does not make sense and the infrastructure is not here to support this level of development. The group who have thought up this plan are the ones who will be making money and they take no account of the people who already live here.

I would like to you to consider the points I have made and reject the planned proposal in its present form.

Yours sincerely

