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Please add these comments to the related development plan for the Berkeley/ Newtown/Sharpness areas.

Firstly, the reason for this email is because the online survey is so difficult to use, is that a deliberate move so that people won't bother?

As a general overview on town and village centres Berkeley and Newtown/Sharpness have not been highlighted eg shopping facilities and Doctors surgery - the Berkeley surgery is struggling now as it can take at least two weeks to get an appointment. Further, the Vale hospital will not be able to cope.

Secondary schooling is not mentioned. Following the closure of the school by the Council in the Berkeley area (in preference for one in Stroud, whose Governor was none other than David Drew surprise surprise), and the school sold, the children travel to KLB and Rednock. However, KLB have stated they will no longer be taking children from the Berkeley area in less than 2 years due to the increase in house building in Charfield and Kingswood. Which leaves Rednock who are also nearing capacity too. Where will the children go then?

The bypass road from Sharpness to the A38 was never completed, however the traffic to and from the docks have increased ten fold due to the warehousing and storage arrangements plus the demise of the railway. More housing and increase of employment at the docks will only make matters worse. The bypass road was re-surfaced last year but it is already showing signs of wear and braking up. The access road to the north end of the docks (300 hundred houses) needs to be addressed, the road through the village is not adequate now and parking is also unsatisfactory.

The M5 junction at Falfield is a nightmare now, peak morning rush hour traffic regularly backs up to Stone so more traffic will be a disaster.

You state public transport links are good - try getting a bus to Gloucester or Bristol at the right time and travel time is approx. 1 1/2 hours either way.

Why hasn't the railway link been mentioned?

The Plan talks about green fields and sustainability, however, the greedy farmers around the Sharpness area want to sell up so you can build over 2000 houses which will create an urban sprawl where Newtown, Sharpness, Brookend, Wanswell and Berkeley are all joined together, this is not what is wanted, people choose to live in a rural community not towns. Recently infill housing in Sharpness and Halmore have been turned down by the Council, yet the Council are more than happy to allow over 2000 homes to be built how does this work? What back hands are going on, how corrupt is the Council?

I agree with the 300 houses north of the docks provided the access road is sorted properly.

I support the 70 houses at the Focus school (as they never do outside sport on the fields) but would prefer the school to be returned as it was before.

I support around 50 houses in each of the villages - Brookend, Wanswell, but Halmore, Purton, Newport, Stone, Frampton and Eastington (all of which hasn't been mentioned). Further development next to Cromwell Close but only up to 50 houses, anymore will destroy the wooded areas that are teeming with wildlife and loss of the grass paths, walkways and hedgerows - which the Plan mentions frequently! Also we now have otters in Newtown/Sharpness (photographed earlier this week), do you want to destroy their habitat?

The Plan could/should have considered using more of the land corridor in between the M5 and the A38 from Stroud to Falfield (albeit the new build at Wisloe, Slimbridge), the road connection with the A38 would be easy, and the housing could be spaced out along that corridor not one big sprawl.

Thankyou and rant over!!

Sent from my iPad