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Dear Sir ,

I have studied the details of the plans for the next thirty years development in the area between Berkeley and Sharpness . The size of development is far too big and will completely overshadow the old historical town of Berkeley .

We live beside the B4066 at Berkeley Heath and have done so for 47 years . We battled for the original by pass , part of which was built but never finished . We have been promised all sorts of plans to reduce traffic but nothing has ever been done .

The great warehouses were allowed to be developed with more to follow but still no thought of improving the roads . Night traffic is continual although we were told it would be controlled .

The exits from both roads onto the A38 are dangerous as is evident from the accidents that happen fairly regularly .

Cattle Country , a centre to attract children , produces a lot of extra traffic flowing from two different exits in the midst of rush hour traffic throughout the summer . Regular near misses occur due to the speed of traffic .

Mole Valley Farmers has given rise to another big increase in traffic .

I suggest it would be more sensible to sort out traffic problems and safety concerns before any such development is even considered .

To suggest that people are going to use public transport is 'pie in the sky ' . It would take a miracle for that to happen. The reintroduction of a rail link joining in to the fast Gloucester Bristol line would seem unlikely .

Where is the sewerage going I wonder ? Sharpness still has no proper system as far as I know .

Much of the land is low lying . Just add a little more 'global warming .' and rises in tide levels and there would be flooding in much of the area .

There are a lot of questions that need answering before any progress is made and a major question is access to the area !

I must say I am strongly against the size of the development . It is in the wrong place and needs a total rethink on behalf of the council .

Is there really a need for this development in view of the other large development intended at the Slimbridge roundabout area on E.C.T land .

Think again please .

