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I am a 58 year old Man, who have lived here for all of my life. I chose to live here with open fields and a rural way of life. Many of my friends moved away from here because it was too quite. If I had wanted to live in Yate, I would have moved there for a fraction of the cost. I do understand the need for more houses, and so my thoughts are to build our share of the amount of that is needed along the eastern side of the A38 starting from Stroud Water traveling south to Falfield. In doing this, the A38 will be there already, and it only effects a few people and not Hundreds. I am not one of those who just wants it built anywhere but in my back garden. I truly think that building along the A38 is the better solution because. If you build in and around Berkeley and Sharpness, we will lose the beautiful green fields where so many wild animals and birds live. I also can't understand why with Global warming, it could well cause a considerable flood risk to the area. Why anyone would consider building on low level land with the predicted sea level rises over the next 100 years. With spring tides and the Severn boar, it is a recipe for future disaster. After all, the fields have been a natural drainage for thousands of years. Why replace them with concrete. Then build a Farm, where we already have one. This will not be a Garden village. It will be a new Town connecting Berkeley to Sharpness. We had a perfect secondary school at Wanswell until it was sold to a faith school, which no local family has been able to send or want their Children to. Affordable housing is a joke. No developer is a charity. You only have to look at the currant development around the Country to see that the prices are way out of the reach of locals. We are situated almost half way from Bristol and Gloucester, if this project goes ahead I am willing to bet that hardly any locals will be able to afford to buy one. We will have people coming from City's that have a completely different way of life then Us Country people. Before too long we will have chain pubs offering stupidly cheap food, and the local pubs will not be able to match. It will kill the local community, because we will all live in a large Town. It will probably even close our local shops and pubs. These big developers promise everything, but in reality, they just move onto their next project and forget about the disaster they have left behind them. Promising the next small village the earth. We will be left with at least 2 maybe 3 cars for every house built, with a completely useless road system to cope with them. These cars will not even be able to park outside of their properties, as you want to build as many houses as possible, so these Affordable houses will not have enough space to park. Being so far from Bristol and Gloucester, people will have to drive their cars, thus leaving a Carbon footprint. We all know that quotes for new railways always double in the end, so the railway will be too expensive to be built. This proposed development is way too big for the needs around here. Bristol is building on the old Filton airfield. This is what's needed. Building on brown field sites NOT Green and Pleasant land.

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