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Dear Stroud District Council,

I would like to register my protest; I am not in support of the local plan for building and development at Berkeley and Sharpness for the following reasons:

There is far too many houses proposed for the area, it will change our rural area. It will reduce the quality of our lives here.

There will be light pollution, I am in the lighting business and no matter what type of street lights used there is the possibility of too much light affecting migrating birds at Slimbridge Wildfowl trust.

There will be a substantial increase in traffic, no matter what public transport schemes there are, people in rural areas need cars. This will mean somewhere in the region of 10,000 more cars on the roads.

The local infrastructure, the roads are TERRIBLE now, how much worse will they get with increased traffic? The first stretch of the Berkeley bypass is already collapsing under the weight of existing vehicles, during the summer grass even grows down the centre of it!! There is a B road in and a B road out. They will NOT cope with the volume of traffic. Public transport, even if available is expensive and inconvenient. Cycling is no good for the old and infirm or for those that don't have showering facilities at work, or indeed work too far away. Rail links, even if put into place cannot have a line into Bristol according to Network rail.

All secondary schools around here are full.

Flooding is a big concern. The fields around here flood every winter. Cover them in tarmac and concrete and the problem will move to other areas. Possibly flooding dwellings that have never flooded before. Flooding will also affect the roads.

There are not enough doctors and dentist surgeries here to support a large influx of people!

More people bring more rubbish, more pollution, more traffic and more crime.

Halmore Lane which is already used as a "rat run" is also a National Cycle Route, Cyclists, horse-riders and pedestrians (most of the B roads have no pavements) will be in danger from the increase in traffic.

This build is entirely inappropriate for this area and as a resident I would like to voice my protest. Why can't other area's take their fair share? Is it because the councillors who will vote on it mostly live elsewhere and don't want it put in their districts instead. Also the developers have invested a lot of money in this plan, so I'm sure that negates any opinions from the residents and taxpayers who will have to live with this ridiculous proposal that will impact negatively on our lives.

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