


**Regarding: Local Plan Review. Site references PS33, PS34, PS35, PS26
(Berkeley Cluster)**

Dear Stroud District Council,

My name is:  _____

I live in: Berkeley _____

I have been told that more than 5000 new homes will be built on fields in this area. I think this ~~is~~ isn't a good idea because:

Why building more homes is not the answer and will not fix the housing crisis in especially in a small town known as Berkeley.

For as long as I can remember there is so much biased nonsense talked about the "need" for more housing that it is almost impossible to "see the wood for the trees". Of course it has always been convenient for the Government to campaign for more house building (great for trying to boost the economy and great for their pals in the construction industry too) but there has always been a lack of any clear statistical analysis to justify this claim.

When prices are rising rapidly, buyers tend to anticipate that this will continue, guaranteeing a tidy profit when they eventually sell the property. With low interest rates and easy money from greedy banks the government has connived in this situation. It is manifestly absurd for the government to be encouraging the building of "noddy estates" all over rural Britain on completely fictitious claims that these homes are needed. Most of these new homes are bought by outsiders as investments - local people cannot afford them. And so the problem is perpetuated. £ millions being wasted on thousands of shoddy homes we do not need especially in a rural town like Berkeley.

A recent survey estimates that over 5 million of the nation's 20 million odd households now owns a second home!

Yours sincerely

