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Hello,

We wish to register our formal objections to the proposed PS34, 35 and 36 development of homes around Sharpness, Berkeley and Brookend. We object for the following reasons:-

1. As commuters we both feel that the road network linking our area to the M5 is already at capacity and to have this many houses built would produce far too much traffic for the existing road infrastructure to take. There is inadequate provision for this in the plans.
2. To put this in context 5000 homes is a community over half the size of Bradley Stoke and 2400 homes is a quarter the size of Bradley Stoke, there are not the employment opportunities for that many families in this immediate area or within the plan so these people will need to commute to either Bristol or Gloucester and the road network cannot support it.
3. Most importantly the Severn estuary is an area of considerable bio-diversity and INTERNATIONAL wildlife conservation. Many rare birds use the habitat for breeding. There is no way one can argue the development of this many houses will not have an impact on it. The development will be met with hostility by wildlife preservation bodies worldwide and will present Gloucestershire in a negative light on the global stage.
4. There is no secondary school proposed for this site until 2040, there is already a shortage of secondary school spaces and this many extra people would make it even harder to accommodate the additional secondary school pupils.
5. There is no train infrastructure proposed to Bristol where the majority of commuters would be heading.
6. Flood risk - It doesn't look like the effects of climate change have been taken into account and although just outside the floor area at present I would expect this to change over the coming years and these houses to be at high risk of flooding.
7. Scale of Development - We have not complained about PS33 because this is in scale of development for this area and we accept all areas must do their bit to help with the housing crisis however the scale of other proposed development is out of context.
8. Given the economic opportunities in this area are being generated in the North of the district surely the housing developments should also be generated there too? It is by far the more sustainable approach.
9. The development on Green Field land is in contradiction to council policy DCP1.

In short this development is out of context, in contradiction to council DCP1, entirely unsustainable and most scaring could risk irrevocably damaging an area of INTERNATIONAL wildlife interest. The RSPB <https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/our-positions-and-casework/casework/cases/severn-estuary/> quote that the estuary is used by 74,000 wintering birds each year. In 1995 it was classed as a European Union Special Protection Area and the thought of building this many houses in close proximity and not damaging

this vital “service station” for our worldwide bird population is despicable. This really could risk highlighting Gloucestershire as a wildlife disaster area on a GLOBAL SCENE and we cannot believe any right minded elected official would take that gamble.

I hope you appreciate our taking the time to send this feedback and would request this is noted as a complaint from both [REDACTED] i.e. two objections.

Kind regards

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