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I wish my email to be documented as a response to the development. I am a local resident and live in Sharpness G1139up.

I oppose the proposed development (particularly PS36) of this area for a number of reasons,

1) I do not feel the proposed number of houses is appropriate to the existing infrastructure - roads, amenities like doctors, public transport, facilities as they are could not cope with the influx of this many houses. I am not against all development I just feel the proposed number of houses is far too large.

2) The scale of the proposal will significantly change the local scenery / eco system. We will lose huge swathes of green land. There has been small mentions of park land and a 'garden' village but I feel this is just to appease planning decision makers and will not go far enough in countering the loss of habitats, bio diversity and wildlife.

3) The roads are already in extremely poor repair, how will they cope with more cars on them? (esp given the fact we don't have adequate public transport links) Potentially will lead to unsafe roads for children trying to get to school, along with more pot holes and dangerous conditions.

4) What will happen in regard to schools? Will the existing two primary schools be given more funding or will they be closed for 1 bigger school? Likewise, there is no local secondary school - how will the existing schools cope with such a large growth in the catchment area? The plans say a new secondary school will be built in the 2nd phase in 2040....20 years from now!!! Where are the children supposed to go in those 20 years once the houses are built?? Also included in the plan is the closing of the secondary (Focus) school in order for more houses to be built. Surely this is counter productive as a new local school is already required? The plans are just focused on building lots of cheap, quick houses to make as much money as possible for the developers, with no regard for the area.

5) The new houses we have already had built in the area have struggled to sell. We have heard they have had problems with damp (from being built on flood plains) and are poor quality. Why do the developers think people will move to new build houses in such a rural location (that will lose most of its charm and ruralness) with no facilities, few jobs and awful public transport? If amenities are meant to be the sweetener then they should be built straight away during the first phase of houses.

In conclusion and to reiterate, I feel the scale of this development is far far too large, and unsympathetic to the local environment and infrastructure. The plans and proposals have been sketchy, confusing and hard to understand. Little has changed in this way since the last proposal.

Yours sincerely
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