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Dear Sirs,

Further to the draft Local Plan proposed, I have read it with dismay. The plans will completely change the character of the affected towns and villages and are entirely disproportionate (Berkeley is only about 2000 dwellings and sharpness 500; the proposal will treble the size in terms of number of dwellings). Further it strikes me as entirely incompetent that much of the proposed housing is on some of the lowest ground that the district has to offer, next to a river that has the second highest tidal rise in the world at a time of unprecedented climate change which will, by virtually all experts' opinions, result in significant sea level rises over the coming years.

It seems that little thought has been given to infrastructure in a region that is already creaking in terms of roads, schools and doctors' surgery. It seems the plan is to build the houses and the infrastructure will follow at some largely unspecified point in the future. What on earth will happen in the meantime?

In terms of employment, the region has lost the major significant employer which was the power station and for all the development provided at Sharpness, it is all warehousing which has minimal employment, all of which is unskilled and at the same time congested the local roads with lorry traffic (why on earth these facilities were not built next to motorway junctions, God only knows). Berkeley Green will get nowhere near the level of employment compared with the thousands of highly skilled jobs that the power station provided. Therefore, the development will be a commuter belt for Bristol, Gloucester etc, and yet the local roads, motorways and junctions are already overcrowded. There isn't even a proposal to complete the bypass for which funds were available but somehow lost.

Environmentally, the plan is a disaster. The building works are virtually all planned to go on currently green fields. There is minimal local employment so traffic will be a huge burden and as the roads are currently inadequate, much of the traffic will be compounding the damage by being sat in traffic jams for an unacceptable length of time, even for local journeys. Where the hell are SDC's supposed environmental credentials?

The suggestion that a railway junction may come seems laughable. For a start it is only one directional so would limited use to northbound only. It is also far enough away from most residents that, realistically, many would need to drive to get there; what about car parking (there's none at the moment)?

How can we residents have faith in the provision of suitable infrastructure where there have been so many failures in the past: the bypass was never completed (yet the volume of traffic has massively increased since the bypass was justified and funds made available), the road improvements associated with Berkeley Green were not delivered and there is no sign of what will happen with the (relatively paltry) S106 funds from the Perssimon development in Berkeley. It feels like this is a marketing job, trying to foist excessive housing on a region to save the cost of investing in the infrastructure that new houses will need wherever they are located.

In conclusion, I strongly object to the proposed plan in the subject areas and SDC must rethink.

Yours faithfully,

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Berkeley Resident

