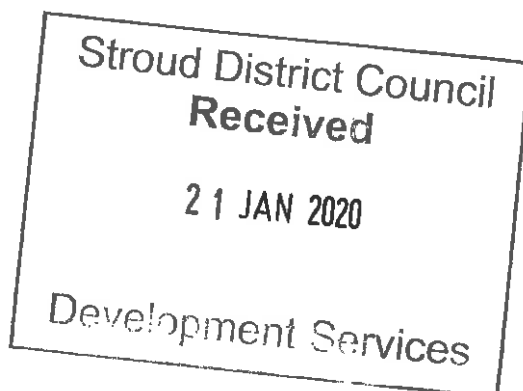


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Local Plan Review
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Dear Sir

Re: Berkeley Cluster & PS36 New Settlement at Sharpness

I have attended the meeting in Berkeley late last year and the subsequent roadshow that was in Berkeley Town Hall this Saturday 11th January. I write herewith with my objections to the development.

I am opposed to the huge scale of the scheme in general. The lack of no new road which so very busy already, combined with the route to the old power station now providing the SGS Berkeley Green UTC, the traffic from which is hugely heavy at peak morning and evening times, causing the main route into Berkeley being virtually at a standstill. It is currently virtually impossible to park to use the shops now, without any further traffic chaos, with more housing in the locality.

The motorway access at Falfield Junction 14 is horrendously busy already, the traffic lights which were constructed several years ago at a huge cost to the local tax payers, have to be turned off in the rush hour which is what they were designed for because the volume of traffic does not co-ordinate with them! Also, the new house building at Charfield, Thornbury and Falfield currently all under way with virtually every house having minimum of two vehicles makes this junction not needing any further new traffic. Junction 13 of the M5 at Stonehouse is also already very bad, and I understand a new stadium is also going to be built, bringing further traffic along with the new houses that are under construction on entering the road to Stonehouse.

There are no regular bus services currently, no train facility in Berkeley, all locals are currently using the bad roads which are hugely in need of repair., how on earth is all the extra traffic going to combine with the already hugely busy road chaos? There is no evidence of any improved facilities, no new doctors surgery, the patients at Berkeley already have to register to use Wotton or go to the Dursley Hospital as the Berkeley Hospital was closed and flattened, it is now houses!

Where are all the jobs coming from to sustain these 5,000 houses? Renishaw's the local employer is already asking for redundancies.

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No new secondary school until the end of the second phase, where are all the children going to go? The Katharine Lady Berkeley School, Rednock and Castle at Thornbury are all already at bursting point. from the local building that is already on going in Wislow, Cam and the every growing Charfield. How is this ever going to work?

I moved to Berkeley as it was a small local town, having had to leave Wotton-under-Edge as we could not afford to remain in my own home town having lived there all my life as house prices were ever increasing and my wage did not go along with that. How on earth are all the young locals going to be able to afford to buy and with no new employment locally? The current Persimmon development is reported to have lots of problems being built on an old landfill site, the current fields surrounding them are all flooded ! Do you want more chaos and more flooding for these proposed new homes?

I like the green fields as they are, that is why I chose to live in the countryside, what about the natural wildlife and all the birds that come every year to the nearby Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetland Trust? this is bound to have a dramatic effect on the local wildlife. This is a local village community with village life, we did not ask for five thousand new houses, this is being imposed on us by the council and several farmers making a rich picking for selling their land. There are other areas that are available for this size of housing with better facilities.

I do accept that some small dispersal development is necessary in all nearby local villages, but on this scale a definite no from me.

Yours faithfully

