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My concerns regarding the proposed development are as follows.

Roads

The current road infrastructure is already inadequate to cope with the volume of traffic in particular the constant flow of HGV vehicles to Sharpness. How on earth will it cope with upwards of 10000 new vehicles by 2050

Schools

The current schools in the catchment area are already oversubscribed. Where will all of these new children go.

Employment

A new major employment hub is proposed between Gloucester and Cheltenham. Surely this is where new houses should be built or do environmental concerns not form part of this plan.

Location

Why are all of the new proposed developments in the South of the district where employment and infrastructure is poor. Surely more suitable sites need to be considered first.

Transport

Public transport is non existent in Berkeley and Sharpness. How will this be addressed and what environmental impacts will there be.

Character

To propose a major development in such a historic and traditional area will destroy centuries of history and culture of major significance nationally. Surely there are many more suitable sites of less historical value which should be considered first.

Social Housing

How much of the new housing will be allocated for social housing to enable local people to stay in the area of their birth.

It seems to me that the plans are ill considered on many levels and do not take into account many of the difficulties already identified by the council in previous studies such as poor employment and inadequate infrastructure. It does not fit with the push for a major employment hub in the North of the district and seems to fly in the face of normal environmental concerns re commuting etc. I would urge the Council to reconsider these plans and to look at more sensible options nearer to centres of employment and suitable infrastructure.

Regards