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Dear Sirs

We would like to register that we disagree with the suggestion that 2,400 houses should be built in the Sharpness/Newtown/Berkeley area.

The roads around the area would not be able to cope with the extra traffic involved in the building of the additional houses or, when the houses are built, the extra vehicles per each property. The majority of houses would have, at least 1-2 vehicles so an extra 2,400 - 4,800 vehicles minimum. The final stage of the by-pass has not been completed, the junction at Berkeley Heath is already difficult for lorries to get out of when they are turning right towards Bristol. The motorway junction at Falfield is already severely congested in the rush hour.

We do not have a local secondary school. Local children are having to be bused to Rednock and KLB, these schools do not have unlimited capacity. If you proceed to build more houses, you are going to need secondary school and additional primary school provision in place before the houses are occupied.

The majority of local people travel out of the area for employment, as there is insufficient employment locally, so with all the additional works travelling at peak times there will be severe congestion which impacts on the environment (air pollution).

Our local medical centre has recently been in chaos and has now been taken over by a management team. How would they cope with additional patients?

We currently have a situation where we do need extra houses but, do not accept that this number of houses should be built here. The PS35 (Land at Focus School Wanswell) and PS34 (Sharpness Docks) proposals seem an acceptable number of additional houses for this area. With the PS34 suggestion the access roads would need to be sorted out as currently Oldminster Road is already congested with parked cars in evenings and weekends.

We need additional affordable houses. Currently there is not enough social housing for low paid workers. Privately rented properties are £600 + per month which low paid workers would struggle to pay. House prices are too high for workers on low to average wages.

Yours faithfully

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