

Stroud District Council
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Development Services

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Dear Sir,

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I write to confirm my opposition to the proposal to build large numbers of houses on land between Sharpness and Berkeley it is inappropriate and very bad for the area. This proposal is ill conceived and is clearly not thought through it takes no account of the facilities and infrastructure that are available in this area, the roads are poor and some distance from the main arterial routes, it doesn't consider the people who currently live in the area, many especially those of more senior years who find it very difficult to communicate their feelings regarding these proposals.

The roads in the area are mainly rural in many cases narrow with little chance of coping with the sheer numbers of vehicles these developments would generate. The bypass around Berkeley was never completed which even now creates problems with large lorry's servicing the new warehousing and docks at Sharpness. The increased vehicle movements will increase pollution significantly around this area with queuing already at the motorway junctions and other developments planned in the area it would make travelling almost impossible at peak times. At the recent presentation at the town hall there seemed to be a suggestion that the train would sort out the travelling issues but of course it won't assuming there is capacity on the network, going south would be a problem as the track and bridge were removed some years ago and people won't want to walk to get the train or when they get off especially if the weather is bad. There are clearly very little work opportunities locally so for many it would mean a daily commute to either Gloucester or Bristol its clear these developments will generate large amounts of pollution and there is hardly a day passes that there isn't an item on the news regarding the need to reduce pollution. Bristol has recently announced a decision to restrict diesel vehicles from entering the city during certain hours of the day and I understand other cities are considering following suit.

There is already a building site to the east of Berkeley where it's planned to

build nearly 200 homes and another site to the north of the town where a further 100+ homes are planned this alone will impact significantly on Berkeley and I question whether the local primary school can accommodate the children these two sites will generate. There are no senior schools locally so again it will involve children travelling by bus yet again more traffic and more pollution.

With a waste store at Berkeley power station site and a fertiliser plant at the docks potential flooding which will only increase with global warming you have to question the wisdom of planning to build in this area. Dispersal must be the way forward with every community taking some housing the overall impact is reduced and no particular community has to suffer the disruption the negativity the nuisance that goes with this level of development

