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Dear [REDACTED]

Forgive this late response to the plans for housing, in and around Berkeley and Sharpness, recently discussed at the residents meeting which we attended recently at the Berkeley Arms. As residents of Hinton, my mother and myself are, to say the least, taken aback at the sheer size and extent of the proposed housing development which will come right up to the edge of our hamlet. The existing roads (if you can call our single track road from Brookend to Hinton a road at all!) is becoming ever more hazardous due to the large lorries and vans increasingly using it to access services and houses at Hinton and Purton. This would almost certainly be used by residents of the new development too resulting in even more dangers on what should be a quiet back lane. The old Coach Road at the end of Hinton would be even more affected by an increase in traffic.

While neither of us object to a sensible housing scheme for the Wanswell, Sharpness and Brookend area this has to be proportionate to the existing population, not swamp it and, effectively risk robbing it of the very real sense of community it has. I need not point out that the infrastructure - not just roads but schools, surgeries and parking to mention a few examples, - are woefully inadequate to cope with even a fraction of the houses proposed. A great deal would have to be promised by the developers, and promises rigidly enforced too by the Council, before I could support any substantial increase in the local population. Where the work to support such an influx of families would come from I do not know. I suspect most residents would have to find work much further afield, necessitating long commutes to Gloucester or Bristol - something which is hardly consistent with Stroud Council's long-standing and commendable commitment to 'Green' development in its area.

I sincerely hope that councillors at Stroud Council are able to reconsider the plans in the light of residents' legitimate concerns and that any reworking of the proposals be resubmitted to the communities affected for further feedback.

Regards

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