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Dear Sir/Madam

Please see below my comments on the Draft Local Plan for additional housing:

I am reserving my comments specifically to the Moreton Valence, Whitminster and Hardwicke developments as it is an area I know well having lived here in Moreton Valence for more than 30 years and have lived my whole life in the Severn/Berkeley Vale.

Countryside and Bio -Diversity

This area is very beautiful , predominantly farmland and rich in biodiversity and wildlife such as owls, buzzards, kites, woodpeckers etc. There is a lot of poorly drained land as it is all a very low lying area as one would expect in a river valley. There has already been considerable building in the area on greenfield sites and a football stadium granted permission entirely on agricultural land with all the ensuing traffic problems. In summary, I object strongly to any further building what so ever on our vanishing greenfield sites and believe it is essential to maintain the character and integrity of our villages.

Traffic

The A38 is already unable to cope particularly at peak times but also for much of the rest of the day with the existing traffic. Public transport is extremely poor and therefore almost unusable and every new house will have at least one, usually two and often three cars. This is an unacceptable strain on the local road system and will seriously damage our carbon footprint. Do not forget the existing additional heavy lorry traffic to and from the incinerator at Javelin Park and the various haulage yards along this stretch of the A38 which already has a very high accident rate.

Ribbon Development/Urban Sprawl

Gloucester has already joined up with Quedgley which is fast joining with Harwicke. Quedgely was a village surrounded by green fields in recent living memory. We do not want badly planned urban sprawl to join Gloucester with Bristol which seems to be the way things are going. Brownfield sites and decaying inner cities and towns must be addressed first before any more countryside is destroyed.

Yours truly

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