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Will you please include my views in the submission to the planners.

- The proposed garden Village is totally out of proportion with the needs of the area. It is not providing for local people and is not wanted by the majority of local people I know.
- The development will cause total destruction of the natural environment and biodiversity in an area that has areas protected for their rich wildlife. The destruction will not be mitigated by planting a few new trees and landscaping shrubs. Natural areas of flora with their associated soil structure take hundreds of years to form.
- The development will destroy the local community which is at odds with the aim of the overall Local Plan.
- The plans are in an area where flooding is a high risk and may well increase the risk to existing properties.
- There is no current employment for thousands of new residents which will mean they all commute out of the area whereby increasing pollution and not creating a local community.
- If new roads are built it will increase destruction of the environment. We understand that even if a rail link could be created it is unlikely to be able to go to Bristol so everyone would have to go via Gloucester [ie go by car to Bristol]
- There will be insufficient school places but the plan is demolishing the school that was Berkeley Vale just to replace it on a greenfield site.
- The plan will destroy existing farms but then says it will build new farms " to meet the needs
 of the community" what a waste of resources and destruction of lives and livelihoods when
 the existing farms could be preserved.

Overall this is a plan that is going to destroy our whole area instead of enhancing it. Just because it may not be so picturesque as some parts of the county it does not mean that the communities and people of the area have any less right to having their way of life preserved and enhanced.