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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register my objection to recent planning applications to the housing developments in Sharpness/Newtown/Purton.

I consider the amount of housing unsuitable for the area. The infrastructure is not suitable for the amount of houses being planned. We already experience problems arising with traffic trying to access the A38 plus heavy goods lorries using unsuitable country lanes in particular Alkington Lane.

Education:- This area is already stretched, Berkeley Primary school and Sharpness being the only primary schools in the area. Re Secondary education no Secondary school, Berkeley Vale Secondary school was sold and is now in the hands of private educators. The Secondary schools in the catchment area - Katherine Lady Berkeley in Wotton and Rednock in Dursley are struggling to cope with increased numbers and many children in Sharpness are bussed out to other schools in Gloucester.

Medical :- The medical centre in Berkeley which covers Berkeley, Sharpness and surrounding areas is totally inadequate to cope with the number of patients. Berkeley Hospital which provided A&E care, plus support for the elderly was sold and is now housing. With more houses already being built in Berkeley is adding to the strain on Marybrook Heath centre.

Local amenities:- Inadequate, no police station. a library that has reduced hours and in poor condition. We do have a good bus service with the possibility of a new railway station in Sharpness but that seems many years away.

Land being used:- Agricultural with mature hedgerows and mature trees, containing footpaths and bridleways. A sensitive landscape that provides a green buffer between the residential areas and much needed land for wildlife. I feel that using this land would spoil the area.
Some of the land that is being proposed is on a flood plan and the land does flood at certain times adding more buildings would run the risk of further flooding in the area
I consider the plans for housing on the canal to be inappropriate and spoil the tranquillity and beauty of the area would be compromised.

Recreational:- We have football clubs in Berkeley and Sharpness the play areas are well maintained and I hope that this land will not be used for housing. The roads/lanes in Sharpness are used by families for walking, we have cycling groups, horse riders and even the local Berkeley Hunt using the roads extra traffic would definitely endanger the lives of humans and animals.

I conclude that we do need housing in the area but NOT the amount proposed in schemes that have been submitted in Berkeley/ Sharpness/Purton. This environment is unique, beautiful, tranquil, full of wildlife and should be preserved for future generations.

