

Stroud District Council
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Development Services

Local Plan Review

Planning Strategy Team
Stroud District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Berkeley Cluster Development

I have just become aware of the proposed development in the Berkeley/Sharpness area of over 5,000 houses over the next 30 years. As a result, I feel that I should make my objections known. Quedgeley is less than 10 miles away from Sharpness and will therefore be affected by many repercussions if it is allowed to go ahead.

Traffic. It is not unreasonable to assume that a development of 5,000 houses will result in a concentration of over 10,000 private vehicles plus commercial vehicles congesting country lanes and routes into Gloucester and Bristol. I doubt that even the M5 would be able to cope.

Flood risk. The area chosen for this development borders the Severn Estuary. It is widely accepted that sea levels will rise significantly in the next few decades due to global warming. Moreover, the alarming increase in flooding in the Severn valley that we have experienced in the last 2 months should, itself, be sufficient warning NOT to develop on what is likely to become a 'flood plain'.

Sewage. Where do you plan to dispose of the sewage from over 5,000 homes and commercial properties?

Schools. The schools in this area are already overcrowded, yet there are no plans in place until the second phase.

Employment. Once the development is complete at least 10,000 new jobs will be required. Where will they come from? Or are you planning on additional Industrial/Commercial sites to provide this employment? Where will they be sited?

Policing. Our local police force is already at full stretch with future recruiting aimed at existing towns and cities only.

NHS. The NHS (Hospitals, Surgeries, Emergency Services) is also at full stretch and will struggle to provide an adequate service to this development.

The above are my immediate concerns. I am sure there are many other issues that could be offered to substantiate this development being rejected.

THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD.

Yours sincerely

