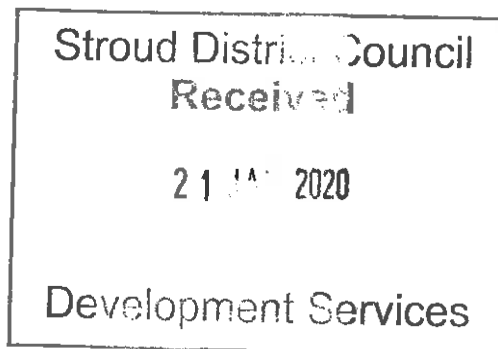


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Dear Sir / Madam

Proposed Planning - Berkeley Cluster - Garden Village and Erection of 5000+ Houses in Berkeley and Sharpness Area – PS36

I have examined the plans for the above proposal and object strongly to the building of these houses in this location.

I am 17 years old and live in Berkeley and feel that this development would completely and irreversibly change Berkeley and the area and permission for such a development should be refused.

There is insufficient infrastructure into Berkeley and Sharpness already and the roads cannot take traffic which travels in and out of the area now. There is no parking in the area and nothing in the plan to compensate for this and provide parking for the 10,000 cars that will be needed to transport the new residents.

There is no lighting on many of the roads currently and they are at the moment flooded and pot holed. How can they safely transport an increase in vehicles of this size? Public transport services are non-existent and there are no plans for additional services meaning residents travelling a considerable distance to get to a decent bus route.

I notice that there are no plans for any schools, primary or secondary to accommodate the children, I myself have to travel to KLB school on a bus which costs £8 a day, it is a struggle for my parents to afford this cost and as all of the nearby schools, Rednock, KLB and Castle schools are no longer taking children from our area, due to development in their own catchment where will children go to school? And how will they be transported?

Water levels are on the rise and the considerable increase in rainfall due to environmental issues could mean this area is under water permanently in the next

few years, at this present as much as half of the area is currently either completely flooded under water or seriously saturated.

Many people use these fields and the Severn Way for walking etc, it provides miles of walking and building here would take away these open spaces and have an impact wildlife. The wetlands provide a flight path and resting area for migrating birds travelling to and from Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, and is home to many other creatures, I often see Badgers, Foxes and Deer which use the fields which will be destroyed by this development and have seen otters on Berkeley Pill and the surrounding banks of the River Severn. Where will they go when this has all been built? The new plan retains only small areas of wetlands and wildlife and is insufficient, those that are there now have a natural bio-diversity and are sustainable and encompass a wide range of wildlife. The new plan will not compensate for the loss in natural habitat and as man-made habitats take many years to mature before creatures naturally move into them, the whole thing will have a destructive effect on wildlife which will take many years to recover. Who will look after these spaces after the building is completed?

The development is not beneficial to the people who live in the area. With the risk of flooding, no parking and transportation facilities, no new schools and the bad effect on wildlife, the only people to benefit would be the landowners and the developers, please do not accept this proposal.

Yours faithfully

