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Dear Sir / Madam

## Proposed Planning - Berkeley Cluster - Garden Village - PS36

I am writing regarding the above proposal and object strongly to the building of these houses in this location.

I am 15 years old and live in Berkeley. I feel that this development should be refused for the following reasons.

There are no plans for any schools, primary or secondary to educate the new children or even the children already here, I have to travel to KLB school on a bus which costs £8 a day, which is very expensive and my parents struggle to afford this cost, all of the nearby schools including Rednock, KLB and Castle schools are no longer taking children from our area, due to development in their own are, so where will children go to school and how will they get there?

The roads into Berkeley and Sharpness are poor and the surfaces are potholed, they are very busy with the traffic which travels in and out of the area now, let alone if we add to this with 10,000 more cars. Also, there is no parking in the area and nothing in the plan to make parking for the new people. There is no lighting on many of the roads and they are often flooded, so how can they safely transport all of these cars. There are no buses, and no plans for new bus services, so how do all the new residents travel to other places?

There is a lot of flooding in the area and water levels are on the rise and at the moment there has been a huge amount of rain because of global warming which could mean this area would be under water permanently eventually, at the moment a lot of the ground is currently completely flooded and under water. We all 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 migrating birds travelling to and from Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust would suffer and it is home to many other creatures, I see Badgers, Foxes and Deer in the fields

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which will be destroyed by this development and we see ofters on the surrounding banks of the River Severn and rare migrating birds. Where will they go when this has all been built? I feel very lucky to have these green open spaces and will be very unhappy if we lose them. The new plan has only small areas for wildlife and the plan will not make up for the loss in natural habitat, man-made habitats take a long time to recover and reintroduce wildlife and the whole thing will have a bad effect on this.

The only people to benefit would be the landlords and the developers, please do not accept this proposal.

Yours faithfully

