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I have just returned from the local resident meeting in Berkeley regarding the proposed development in our town and the surrounding suburb and thought it important to express my opinion. Let me stress one thing I am not against development, in fact I welcome it in proportion as this is the industry that provides the bread for my family. I am however concerned of the scale of the proposed number of dwelling, most alarming is the mention that 1500 of those house are likely to be ear marked for housing associations, call it snobby but with enough working experience with the private rented sector, I know the target audience for these properties can be some what undesirable! Not only giving my concern for the area in which my children will grow up in but also for the value of my own property which took me to the grand old age of 34 to be able to buy. This does not solve the issue of those looking for affordable housing prices to enable them to move into ownership from rental. If over 50% of those homes built are only available to rental I fail to see the benefit.

The impact on the local facilities would be fatal, it is hard enough to secure a place within the current 190 space primary school, the doctors are stupidly over subscribed and can take as much as two weeks to secure a non urgent appointment. Where is the employment for these houses? I travel 70 miles a day to provide an income for my family, if the opportunity of employment was available locally already why would I commute? The answer is it isn't there for me to have.

We live in such a green area of the uk and something that was taken into serious consideration when looking to purchase a house, now that's going to be replaced by housing, non local houses! Let's remember what provides us with oxygen!

You can make promises of extra schools, better road networks, more employment opportunities but that's face what suffers first when budgets become tight? The promises dwindle, become less until the result is not what the little people agreed too in the first place.

So I object and would just ask that serious consideration is taken when looking at the figures and the numbers and the impact of your council tax payers.

Kind regards

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