

Stroud district local plan review

I would like to add that the proposals for the Severn Vale at Grove Farm, Whitminster and at Moreton Valence/Hardwick are far more viable and sustainable than the major development proposed for the Berkeley Cluster.

Severn Vale and Moreton Valence/Hardwick are in the perfect position for transportation links with the A38, M5 and rail network links with Stroud and Gloucester stations being easily accessible. With this in mind it will be more of a sustainable position for commuters and having relevant amenities nearby.

Whitminster, Moreton Valence and Hardwick are already well developed and will therefore bring little detriment to the area but would be of advantage for the proposals put forward for the Gloucester 2050 Vision and for the development of employment areas.

The Sharpness development is a very different story as you would be tearing up beautiful green fields that are bound by European Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and a RAMSAR site. There are very little transportation links, M5 J14 already being at capacity even though there are various large developments proposed for neighboring areas. Public transport is non-existent in this area and would not feed to the inadequate transportation links and a rail link to this site is unlikely to happen.

We also need to consider the impact of having such a large development in the very south of our district and how it will affect neighbouring authorities such as South Gloucestershire and Bristol city council as people generally gravitate to those areas for work. This will have a knock on effect with traffic on the M5 south, M4 and Bristol City Centre. This will also not bring any benefit to our local economy and we need to support local businesses in our district, not send them to neighbouring authorities.

For these reasons, I would like to ask you to consider removing PS36 from your emerging strategy and to replace it with WH1014 and HAR006-009 HAR015-016.

I would be grateful if you could bring this response to the attention of the inspector

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District Councillor for the Berkeley Vale Ward