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I object to the planned developments around Sharpness (PS36). I have detailed the reasons why I believe such a large and inproportinate development to existing housing is not suitable for the location.

Given the worldwide movement on climate change with a drive to protect nature, and use sustainable local produce it seems illogical to permanently destroy good agricultural farmland that is abundant with nature to create such a large development rather than using brownfield sites.

Furthermore to build such a large volume of houses so far from employment hubs of Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bristol will compound the negative effect on the environment with residents travelling to and from work. I appreciate that the developers have proposed use of train and bikes. However I am confident that the reality will be that the majority of residents will opt for the more convenient, flexible and cheaper mode of transport and will travel by car.

The location lacks travel infrastructure and the narrow rural roads already struggle to cope with traffic volumes, parked cars and would be dangerous to add further to this.

Schools in the area are already over subscribed and with a young baby I am unsure where he will be educated, a concern increased if there are additional houses built in the area to increase demand of schooling but no appropriate strategy to build primary and secondary schools before the demand.

Given all of the above I am confused why this development is still under consideration, particularly as similar "garden villages," in Somerset are under serious review for the same reasons where the development is not near employment and lacks suitable infrastructure.

Regards

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.