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Comments & Observations on 650 House Application on Leckhampton Green Fields

We do not need or want this development on our greenbelt/ greenfield sites. There are other more suitable areas. Brownfield sites must be developed instead.

The Leckhampton site is highly valued for its much used recreational facilities. Such a large scale development would have adverse effects on traffic, wildlife, flooding, and would put undue stress on local amenities.

Consider what local residents want instead of developers and government demands.

Name

Address: Chestnut Place, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, GL53 0QF.
Dear Sir,

OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION REF 13/01605/OUT
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT KIDNAPPERS LANE, LECKHAMPTON

We write to object to the outline planning application to build 650 houses and other development on 33 hectares of land between Leckhampton and Shurdington Road, Cheltenham.

We enclose a letter we have written to the JCS team objecting to the inclusion of this land for development within their plan. We feel that until the JCS plan has been finally approved it would be wrong to consider this outline proposal and it should be refused at this stage.

Our principal objections to the proposals are as follows:

- The loss of valuable recreational land on the edge of Cheltenham
- The large increase in traffic on Shurdington Road which will arise;
- The increase in air pollution resulting from the increase in traffic; and
- The loss of attractive views from the top of Leckhampton Hill.

If, however, this proposal is accepted in outline, the Council should make every effort to ensure that the area retains its recreational value. For example, the developers should not be permitted to extinguish any rights of way and other well used paths and should not be allowed to enclose these within high garden walls or fences. To maintain some of the character of the land, trees and hedgerows together with some meadowland and allotments should be retained along the paths in order to break up the urban nature of the development.

Yours faithfully,