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Dear Sirs

THATCHAM NE DEVELOPMENT

Re: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection

Please will you take note of my comments on the above proposed plans to build 1500 (or thereabouts) houses.

I have lived in Thatcham and surrounding area for all of my [REDACTED] years. What was once green fields is now housing estates, commercial estates, offices and flats. There are very few areas where children can play in or study nature and all its fascinating wildlife, safely ride bikes on the roads and where people can walk in safety away from traffic.

West Berkshire Council has not taken any notice of public opinion or the way this huge development will alter Thatcham and the surrounding countryside beyond repair. Time and time again AONB's and other status have been ignored just to suit their wishes. What is the point in having them to protect the area if they can put them aside. Once this land is destroyed there will be no going back and mankind will be losing valuable wildlife, plants and trees.

Throughout all the massive developments we have had in this area NEVER have any of the local services (health, education, leisure facilities) changed to take account of the increased population despite being promised as a "carrot" by the developers and council. As I get older I fret about being ill as I will have to fight to get a doctor's appointment and worse still wait for a bed in the hospital and treatment.

As a growing population we need every piece of land in order to graze livestock and grow crops so that we can be a self sufficient nation again.

The proposal to build this enormous amount of houses has been mismanaged from the start and even now there is no sign of any approach to local health care agencies or providers and no clear plans for providing suitable school provision

I never forget how privileged I am to live in such a beautiful part of England and I am very concerned that my grandchild will not be able to enjoy the same.

Yours faithfully

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