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To: [PlanningPolicy](#)
Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposals for new housing development in the North East Thatcham area.

I have been a resident of [REDACTED] for the last 21 years and was attracted to the area because it was a quiet and beautiful area in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Wessex Downs.) Over the years small but necessary areas of development have made some improvements to the area, but also have been to its detriment. I cannot begin to imagine how much of a detriment to current and future residents the proposed development would be.

1. The quiet village of Upper Bucklebury would become a rat run for traffic. It is already used as a rat run to avoid traffic on the A4 from time to time, but 2500 extra households would result in excessively high volumes of traffic through the village which would be dangerous for people living here, and as the road runs across Bucklebury Common it would be damaging to the natural environment and the wildlife here, much of which is protected. The roads here are currently inadequate for the volume of traffic we have already, and the walking route along Harts Hill is dangerous for pedestrians from the village. More traffic will worsen this.
2. The schools provision in the plan is not only inadequate for the size of the proposed development, it will be significantly detrimental to the children who currently reside in the area, breaching the Council's obligations to provide education for all children. Kennet School is already oversubscribed, and families who currently live a little further away but are still in catchment (ie Bucklebury children) will be forced to travel further away to the Downs School.
3. Bucklebury Common and parts of the surrounding area is an area of great biodiversity but is also a fragile habitat. The proposed development will cause immeasurable damage to the Common, from traffic, footfall, light pollution, and reduction of green space when green areas close by are built on. I can think of no way that the proposed development could do anything other than be a very bad thing for the environment here. The fact that the proposed development has only very vague and poorly defined plans for leisure spaces and playing fields means that the already fragile ecosystem here will be overwhelmed.
4. The proposals for healthcare - doctors surgeries and dentists - is inadequate. The existing surgeries and dentists are already over capacity, and the provisions being made are not sufficient to support another 2500 homes.

Overall, the plan is unsound, and is not a sustainable one. My letter here is brief and not as eloquent as many you will receive, however my feeling is very much as strong as those others who have written to you in greater detail.

Your sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad