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To Whom It May Concern

I wish to object to the proposed Thatcham NE Development for the following reasons:

- Loss of a substantial piece of prime "green belt" land which currently separates Thatcham from the village of Upper Bucklebury; with the consequent potential impact on the local wildlife, environment and ecosystem.
- Concerns regarding the impact on already stretched water supply capabilities. Thames Water themselves have recently launched a future supply consultation stating that "Substantial water shortages face the whole of the South East of England".
- The area of the development currently offers the capability to buffer heavy rainfall. Rainwater run-off already creates periodic flooding in the Kennet Valley area, and if this development goes ahead this problem will only get worse!
- Once the development is completed there will be a large rise in vehicle movements on the A4, Floral Way, Harts Hill and the surrounding villages as most home occupants have one or more vehicles. These extra vehicle movements will create additional environmental pollution in the area.
- There are no clear provisions in the plans for additional health centres, dental practices, or schools in the locality of the Thatcham NE Development. The local current services and schools are already heavily used and will not be able to easily cope with the increased number of inhabitants from the development.
- The proposed development will increase my driving journey time along the A4 towards Newbury from the East, due to the extra numbers of vehicles that will be exiting and entering the Development. These extra vehicles will be creating additional environmental pollution and fumes.
- I believe that West Berkshire Council Planners should look at brown field sites wherever possible rather than using green belt land for new developments such as this.

Please take these comments into your deliberations relating to this proposed Thatcham NE Development.

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