

WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection

From Mrs Jane Bucknell

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As a long term resident of [REDACTED] Bucklebury, I am very concerned about the negative impact the Proposed Development of NE Thatcham will have on our village and many other small surrounding communities in this area.

We are fortunate to have lived in this AONB which is enjoyed by, not only residents of the area, but also many visitors be it cyclists or walkers etc

1500 -2500 new homes on the edge of this AONB, with a subsequent population of thousands, will change the area for ever from its quiet rural setting to a busy congested suburbia.

For a start, the increased traffic along our narrow, hedged lanes with few footpaths is just not possible without compromising everyone's safety. Our common and lanes are used by many cyclists and ramblers not just from our area, The local wildlife will also be impacted at a time when we are all trying to conserve our World

Also we have enough trouble making appointments at our overstretched GP surgeries and hospitals now, let alone with many more people registering. The NHS suffers already trying to cope along with other medical centres such as dentists etc

Educating these inevitable extra children from the new development is also a worry, not only finding room for them in existing schools and nurseries but how to cope with the extra traffic at certain times of the day .

From what I understand several of the above concerns I have mentioned have not been thoroughly examined and as much as we do need extra housing – why such a huge development in such an unsuitable area ? If we don't protect and preserve our small West Berks villages and communities they will be lost forever for future generations.

After all, a Government Statement recently detailed that the housing number should now be advisory and not mandatory. The statement suggested that planning should no longer override sensible local decision making, which is sensitive to and reflects local restraints and concerns

I trust that you will take my objections in to consideration ,as they represent the thoughts of many local residents that I have spoken to.

Jane Bucknell

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