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Subject: Re Proposed Submission (Reg 19) West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039
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Dear Sir or Madam

I write to object please to the LPR's plans to allow the building of 1250-2500 houses to the North East of Thatcham.

Thatcham is already completely underserved compared to Newbury and other similar towns as regards

- Doctors surgeries
- Pharmacies – a big problem at the moment
- Supermarkets
- Shops – clothing, shoes, furniture
- Parking
- Post Offices – both counters and sorting office (the latter is terrible)
- Road network

The traffic on the Relief Road has already massively increased over the 24 years that I have lived in North Thatcham. It is difficult already to safely turn out of Dunston Park onto the Relief Road because of the volume of traffic.

The problems at the level crossing have also massively increased.

Thatcham Post Office sorting office is already completely unfit for purpose and massively understaffed. Whenever our own postman has a week off, we receive no post deliveries for a week. There are no covering staff at all.

Thatcham Bath Road Doctors Surgery already has trouble recruiting doctors and has tremendous delays in answering the phone. They tell me that they have stopped inviting ladies to Well Women Clinics because of staff shortages. That is plainly storing up health problems for the future for the local population.

Also our dustbin emptying has already gone from weekly to two weekly while we have lived here.

I moved to North Thatcham in part because of its lovely semi-rural location. It would be a complete disaster to build on a green field site and destroy its beautiful trees, flora and fauna. We have already had to endure months of works directly across the Relief Road with the flood protection defences, on what was previously a beautiful field and view.

The air quality has already diminished tremendously while we have lived here, due to traffic pollution. That is a particular problem for asthma sufferers such as my son.

Please do think again on those plans. We just do not have the infrastructure or resources at all in North Thatcham to absorb 4000+ new inhabitants.

Please do email me or ring me to acknowledge receipt of this email, and/or if you wish to discuss the above.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

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