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Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection
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Dear Sirs

This email sets out my objection to the proposal to North East Thatcham Development:

Nature -

There would be a huge impact on legally protected wildlife. Great crested newts, badgers, nightjars, slow worms and bats. These exist in the area, development would put them under significant threat. There are no sufficient mitigation measures or evidence of nature studies. The vague promise of a country park is not a replacement for the countryside. We now see that there is no country park but only undefined community parks and no direction of how biodiversity would be enhanced. This shows WBC lack of commitment to protect the natural environment.

Additional cars and people will be entering AONB which will have a detrimental impact, there is no clarity on what WBC are doing to protect, conserve and enhance the natural beauty, in fact it seems traffic will be directed into the AONB instead of away from it.

Traffic -

As WBC predict that there will be some displacement of A4 traffic onto wider rural routes such as upper Bucklebury there is no evidence that this has been fully considered. We live down [REDACTED] walking down the road with no pavement and down Broad Lane with 2 primary school aged children is already dangerous. We strongly fear for our safety and feel it's only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. The already busy Broad Lane can be hair raising during school pick up and drop off times. Our preferred method to get to school is walking, however, this is not without it's serious risks that will only worse with increased traffic through the village.

The studies conducted by WBC so far do not agree with an independent study by Yes Engineering. This found that: the trip rates used by WBC are unreliable and not robust, the trip distribution is unrealistic, the mitigation measures are improbable at best, the location of the site means carborne travel will dominate. The highway network in the vicinity of Thatcham Northeast is already over capacity and there has been no assessment made of the routes most likely to be affected by an increase in traffic.

Education -

There is not a clearly defined planned schools provision. This breaches the councils obligation to provide education facilities thus making the development untenable.

Our children currently go to Bucklebury Primary School with a view to carrying on their education at Kennet. There is inconsistent, incomplete and contradictory information on the provision of secondary schools in and around Thatcham. It seems unlikely that any secondary school provision will be provided.

Identity -

There is simply not enough space between the proposed development and Upper Bucklebury. There should be clear space between settlements which would be lost with this development and Upper Bucklebury will become part of the Newbury/Thatcham conurbation

I strongly urge you to reconsider the plans, reduce the development or find alternative sites that are more suitable and inline with WBC's own policies.

Your sincerely
Sarah Harris (Mrs)

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