

Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection

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For the attention of:

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I am a resident of Bucklebury Village.

I wish to object to the plan to build 1500 to 2500 houses to the North East of Thatcham.

My objections are:

1. This large development is equivalent to a new settlement not an addition to the existing town of Thatcham.
2. In a settlement of this size all entry and exit movements will be by car. Without a centre and without adequate amenities, residents will have to “go somewhere” to shop and to access services (schools, medical care, dentists and recreational amenities). This will add to congestion and pollution and will be detrimental to the countryside and to the general environment.
3. There will be direct access from this development to country roads which are currently in poor condition with potholes and poor surfaces, reflecting inadequate maintenance by West Berks Council, and which will deteriorate further with increased traffic volumes.
4. More cars and more traffic movements will increase the congestion that already occurs at the Thatcham level crossing, the Brimpton railway bridge and on all other roads in the area.
5. The proposed plan is not specific in its description of the amenities (Healthcare, schools, shops and an adequate range of recreational facilities) that will be provided to support this new settlement. Without adequate provision existing amenities in the area will be further stretched.