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To: [PlanningPolicy](#)
Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 OBJECTION
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to formally register my OBJECTION to WBC LPR Regulation 19, the proposed development of 1500 to 2500 houses at North East Thatcham, my concerns are as follows:

It will dramatically reduce the greenbelt between Thatcham and surrounding villages therefore losing the rural nature of this area. It would be a huge over development of our beautiful countryside in an area which consists of rolling hills and farmland. If developments of this scale are approved there will not be any open rural areas left for future generations to enjoy.

The proposed land is not particularly suitable for development as it is very hilly land and has had issues as a flood plain area.

Significantly increased traffic and pollution through the surrounding villages. Many of the small local roads through these villages are already a road safety concern as they are very busy at peak times and many don't have pavements and street lights.

Hermitage Road in Cold Ash is already used as a cut through to the M4 with the traffic calming islands causing long queues of traffic at peak times blocking entry and exit to residents driveways and causing drivers to take unnecessary risks to speed through them. This development will exacerbate the traffic problems here hugely increasing the road safety concerns.

This level of additional housing will inevitably have an adverse impact on local facilities, schooling, medical and welfare services which are already overstretched. From speaking to local GPs I understand they have been already been told that the development will be going ahead and to plan for a large increase in numbers as no new medical facilities will be created. This seems highly presumptuous to be confirming that the development will be going ahead at this stage before all of the objections have been received, read and considered. Since moving to the area 3 years ago we have struggled to access NHS dental care. Most local practices will take on new NHS patients but continuing staff shortages already mean long wait times for appointments and high chances of cancellations. These services cannot appropriately support any increase in the demand for their services

Please do not take away the opportunity (for our families today and future generations) to live and play in our beautiful countryside by letting the NE Thatcham housing development go ahead.

Yours faithfully

Clare Sanderson



