Dear Sirs

I would like to register my objection to the proposed development of 1500 to 2000 homes in NE Thatcham. My objection is centred on 2 issues as follows:

Healthcare provision: existing services in Thatcham and local villages are already badly over stretched. A GP appointment is only available with weeks notice and in recent years the service has deteriorated such that email and phone based consultancy has become the preferred route. As someone who needs ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ I frequently run into issues where one part of the NHS tells me I need ▮▮▮▮ within days but availability at the West Berks Community hospital is non-existent for weeks. I understand the plans propose a new 450 square foot primary healthcare facility which sounds woefully inadequate for size of development in question

Transport: I heard an argument has been made in favour of the development saying that the local roads have capacity for increased traffic. I strongly disagree; there are a number of points where we suffer major traffic build ups on a daily basis. There is already heavy traffic loads on the A4 going from Thatcham into Newbury. There are long tailbacks and delays each day from the level crossing at Thatcham station. There are tailbacks at the junction of Floral Way and the A4 to name but 3. Whenever there is the slightest disruption to traffic, be it roadworks or a broken down vehicle the traffic system fails. The A4 around Thatcham is notorious as a traffic problem hotspot. To add the traffic generated by 1,500 plus homes, not forgetting the construction traffic involved in the development phase will, based on the current plans, create carnage on a daily basis. This will, amongst other things, impact retail businesses in and around Thatcham as people avoid the area where possible.

Regards
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