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Dear Sirs,

I appreciate the need for additional homes in the west Berkshire District, but the plan to build a substantial number of new homes fails a key strategic test. In my view homes should be built where there is a economic requirement for them and they add to the local economy.

If either of these tests are failed the new housing development is a drain on the economy instead of being an addition to the value of life to the existing and new population.

To achieve these aims the strategic plan should concentrate on improving transport links; (here Thatcham Station and level crossing are key. Also a link to the Motorway network without driving through Newbury is a requirement for a town the size of Thatcham to flourish.), employment opportunities; education both child and adult; health provision; and shopping and leisure facilities (what are the plans for Thatcham Town Centre to cope with the increased population).

Under each of the above points an adaption of Cat Steven's song "where will the Children Play" is required.

Without strategic plans covering these issues, Thatcham will become a place where people live with no attachment to their local community which is in no one's interest. Only when these issues have been addressed can the siting of additional homes be addressed.

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