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My name is Louise Dalgarno and I live at [REDACTED]
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I wish to object strongly to the proposal to build 1500 - 2500 houses on the north east of Thatcham for the following reasons:

1. The proposal will severely damage the environment of the delicate ecostructure of Bucklebury Common. It will also damage and have a negative effect on the site of the proposed development. Your reasoning of providing green spaces is unsound. The LPR's own Sustainability Appraisal accepts the development will have a negative impact on environmental sustainability.
2. The increase in traffic will cause safety issues for the residents of Upper Bucklebury and the surrounding lanes which are not built for the huge volumes of traffic the inevitable increase in population will produce. It will be particularly detrimental to the school children attending Bucklebury School.
3. There are already sewage leakage issues into the Kennet and Avon canal. No thought or provision has been given to the enormous increase in sewage from the 2500 extra homes.
4. The existing educational establishments are already vastly oversubscribed. In order to provide continued education for the children of this development from outset, there needs to be a school built first.
5. Healthcare facilities again are already up to capacity. Where will the medical help come from if residents cannot sign onto a surgery? There is no prospect of a new surgery being taken on by an existing practice. Indeed there hasn't been any consultation with local surgeries to ensure any sort of healthcare will be available. Existing residents already have a long wait to see a GP.
6. There are other brownfield sites which should be considered first for development before spoiling these beautiful green, arable fields. We need crops as is demonstrated by the current vegetable shortage.

How the Council who are meant to represent and work for the good of the district can contemplate a consultation document financed by developers is beyond belief.

Yours faithfully
Louise Dalgarno