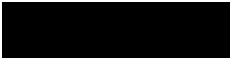
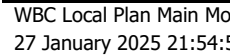


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Hello

I am emailing to express my concerns over the NE Thatcham development and the main modifications to the Local Plan.

Specifically the increase in houses from 1500 to 2500 seems to be excessive and it is not clear how the increase in numbers will be accommodated in the area. It would appear that the houses will have to come closer to Upper Bucklebury which will blur the boundary between Thatcham and Upper Bucklebury. It is very important that there should be a clear boundary between the two settlements.

The plan also suggests there will be access onto Harts Hill Road from the new development. There is no doubt that this will increase traffic onto what are already a busy roads during the rush hours and make many of the smaller lanes rat runs to the M4 junctions 12 and 13. These smaller lanes already cannot deal with the volume of traffic at the moment. There seems to be no suggestion of new roads to ease this problem which is very worrying for the residents of Bucklebury. The lanes are small and not built to deal with a large volume of traffic. It would be reassuring to know that WBC are aware of this and how they plan to mitigate it.

I am also very worried about the potential harm to the biodiversity in the area. There have been no updated ecology reports since the announcement of the increase in numbers and the previous ecology reports did not reassure me that this development would not harm the biodiversity or affect the National Landscape of the area.

Best wishes

Georgina Woods

