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Dear Sir/Madam

I am appalled that such a massive housing development is even being considered to be built on beautiful productive green fields, where various crops are grown and is also a haven for wildlife, Brown Hare, Roe Deer, Badger, Lapwings, Buzzard, Bats and a variety of different butterflies.

Green fields and crop production is so vital, and even more so with the situation of so much loss of good farming land through flooding and a world shortage of food through war and weather.

A development on this site will cause immense pressure and disruption on an area that already lacks infrastructure for the surrounding villages and residents. There are not enough Doctor surgeries, Dentist, Hospital facilities and Emergency services for the current population. The A4 is already a slow moving busy road that can take up to six minutes to get on to from a side road and is the only access road along the main drag from the Pangbourne roundabout to East Newbury. The surrounding roads of the proposed development site are country lanes without pavements or street lighting. These are used for access to the local villages. Many are just one track lanes used by hikers, dog walkers, horse riders, farm vehicles etc. If such a development were to be built there would be around 5,000 more cars trying to access the A4 and using the country lanes as rat runs in order to bypass the busy choked up A4. This would cause a dangerous situation for any road user whether on foot or in a vehicle. When there has been an incident on the A4 and cars have diverted to the country lanes it has caused grid lock as there are very few passing points and traffic has just jammed up.

Such a development would cause more traffic pollution, light pollution, noise, flooding, because if this huge area is concreted over, there would be no soak away for rain water etc. and this area would experience the floods of 2007 again. The A4 already floods when we have a down pour and is reduced to one lane for passing. Our roads in this are already poorly maintained with lots of pot holes, poor drainage and the verges are not cut regularly enough to ensure safe visibility when using them.

The current population in this area is already badly served. Very few are on the main gas line and rely on oil for heating etc. we have had no end of electricity power cuts and only two days ago had 17 hours without water and we are also being told that refuse collection is going to change from two weeks to a three weekly collection!

This new development will cause more pressure on the community with possibly another 6,000 plus more residents, 10,000 more refuse bins and recycling bins needing to be collected and emptied, when, this service is obviously already being stretched and cut! There has also been big sewage problems in the surrounding villages with sewage tankers running 24 hours a day for the past year. The infrastructure just isn't there for our current population in this area, so why would one feel happy about 2,500 new properties being built on beautiful country side, which would be lost forever, when, all we would have, is a terrible negative impact on the whole community. This massive development would be more like a town and would change the definition of a 'village' and should not be allowed to be built. There are plenty of more suitable areas where such a development would not have such a devastating effect on an already hard pressed area. Farm land, trees and country side should not be replaced with concrete, it does not make for a healthy happy community, we all need our green open spaces to enjoy and walk through and make room for our wildlife, that is disappearing at an alarming rate. The worry of this proposed development is unsettling and heartbreaking.

Local resident

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