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I wish to complain in the strongest terms possible about the proposed housing development along the A4 east of Thatcham stretching up to upper bucklebury and along the A4 to coxs lane. This development will concrete over acres and acres of prime farmland at a time when this country needs all the farmland it can get to feed a population that is growing faster and faster. All new homes should be built on brownfield sites but even so west Berkshire has had more than its fair share of housing development in the last 40years since I moved to the area Thatcham for instance used to be a lovely place in the 1970s when I often came out this way for a day out but has been turned into one gigantic housing estate.if this development is allowed it will leave virtually no green land between Thatcham and midgham just as all the green land between Newbury and Thatcham has already been built upon. More houses means more people meaning more pollution and congestion, most of these houses will have two cars which will just exacerbate an already overloaded road system 2500 houses equal at least 5000 more vehicles plus more home delivery vans on roads which you as a council are already incapable of keeping in good repair. Country lanes will be used as rat runs to try and avoid the A4 which it is already difficult to get onto even at non peak times, sometimes it can take an eternity to turn right out of local country lanes which inevitably makes people take chances which will eventually cause accidents.

There is an abundance of wildlife that will be affected by this development you can often see hares and roe deer on the land that has been earmarked and in the last few years we have noticed lapwings which we had never seen before in this area there are also badger setts buzzards and countless smaller birds which will be driven out plus of course many species of butterfly some of which will be native to just this area. The footpaths bridlepaths and country lanes are all used by horse riders and dog walkers and those just out for a country stroll all will be inconvenienced and put at risk by the increase in traffic. Where are all these new residents going to go when they need to see a doctor or dentist where are their children going to go to school no doubt they will just be loaded onto already hard pushed schools and surgery's.

On a more personal note it surely cannot have escaped your attention that the majority of people in this county are lifelong conservative voters, the question is for how much longer can you count on their support???

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