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Hi

I also strongly object to this proposal for the same reasons outlined below by my husband.

Katie pocock

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Date: Thu, 2 Mar 2023, 17:47
Subject: Objections to the proposed development of NE Thatcham
To: <planningpolicy@westberk.gov.uk>, [REDACTED]

Hi,

Please add my objections to the proposed developments being considered to the North east of thatcham. This is in my opinion a crazy idea as our current infrastructure will not tolerate it.

For starters:

1. Schools.

Kennet school currently has a massive 1,815 students. Both my children attend, and they cannot even sit down anywhere at breaks or lunchtime to eat. Adding to this number from the development just will not work, has this been taken into consideration and another school being built? -The nearest secondary school to the area is Shaw House, which also is already heavily subscribed.

2. Doctors.

I live very close to the proposed development. I CANNOT get a doctor's appointment booked in less than 2 weeks, unless I call in the morning for an emergency appointment. - And a lot of the time I am unable to do this. -Again, adding more numbers to an already over-subscribed and struggling to cope practice will help nobody. Is a new doctor's practice being built?

3. Drainage.

With more concrete and residencies, less water will be absorbed and have to run downhill. We all can remember the issues we had a few years ago because of this, is the drainage system to be upgraded?

4. Traffic.

I live on [REDACTED], just the other side of the proposed development. Some mornings the traffic is queuing from The Mill pub to the A4, with the A4 being also very busy. Adding 2,000 odd extra houses just won't work, we don't currently have good enough infrastructure and road networks in the area.

5. Parks and green areas.

There are not enough as it stands, and access to the closest ones from my estate (which has none) is either across the A4 and down toward Thatcham station or the skate park, both posing significant risk to any children trying to access them due to traffic (see point 4).

Thatcham has over doubled in its size in the 35 years I've lived here, with very little increase in local amenities such as doctors, schools, green spaces, etc,etc. I understand more housing is needed, but this proposal will add even more strain to an already overloaded community. IT SHOULD NOT GO AHEAD!

Please add my name to the list of those objecting to this proposal. Thatcham cannot take any further developments without substantial impact on its current infrastructure and local community.

I do hope the council sees sense on this and decides again to refuse it.

Kind Regards,

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