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Subject: OBJECTION - NE Thatcham Development / Local Plan Review
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Dear West Berks Planning,

I write to submit my formal objection to the proposed development of land in NE Thatcham and local plan review (SP17).

My objections are based on the following reasons:

Overdevelopment/Settlement Boundaries - In my opinion, West Berkshire Council should be protecting the wonderful towns and villages situated within the county and extending settlement boundaries into the countryside, closing the areas/gaps between our towns and villages (in this instance Thatcham & Bucklebury) will end the separation of communities, which the current settlement boundaries are designed to do, resulting in a negative impact to those communities.

Traffic - Thatcham, but specifically the roads within the NE area of Thatcham are already loaded. And developing the area will have a catastrophic impact on the traffic in the area. Unfortunately public transport is not a option for many people in this area.

Impact of the countryside / wildlife - This is a greenfield site, and was determined so for the very reason is should be protected. Therefore I strongly object to West Berkshire Council reviewing and potentially changing this greenfield area in the local plan.

Education - The education / schools are already beyond capacity and increasing the NE of Thatcham would be create an unmanageable situation and have a severely detrimental impact on the education system of our local children.

Healthcare - The proposals to increase healthcare are no sufficient, and therefore proposed land for development would further overwhelm the exciting three local healthcare provisions which are already beyond capacity.

In summary, I strongly object to the local plan review of this area, and any future proposed development of the NE Thatcham area.

I request confirmation of receipt of my objection letter.

Regards,

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