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Dear Sirs

I write to object to the proposed Thatcham North East Development.

There are several reasons but principally there are components of the plan that are unsound.

This is a proposal for a minimum 1,500, maximum 2,500 houses. At an average of 2-4 people per house this equates to between 3,000 to 10,000 additional population and it therefore follows a minimum 3,000 extra cars. The infrastructure of Thatcham does not support this spike.

From an unsound perspective, I would focus on both the Primary Healthcare and Secondary Education provision, both of which have not been thought through. The NHS is already struggling to cope with the growth in the Thatcham population following the Kennet Heath development and the shortage of GP's. As regards Education, Kennet School is at capacity and there appears to be no provision to fund or locate a new school.

I live in [REDACTED] and it is already difficult to turn right or left out of Simmonds Field onto Floral Way with more cars using the relief road to get to Newbury as the A4 is usually congested due to amount of traffic, traffic lights and cycle lanes. The additional vehicles on the road from a new housing estate will only add to the congestion which is unsafe from an Environmental and pollution perspective. Furthermore the queues at Thatcham Station due to the level crossing will only worsen in the absence of a bridge. Parking at the station is also limited. The A4 is supposed to be a trunk road but a new estate will add to the amount of traffic both towards Reading and Newbury. A dual carriageway all the way through would be necessary to cope this additional volume.

The countryside around Thatcham enhances the area and ticks all the boxes around Environment. A development on these fields removes this.

This Development scheme is not suitable and I recommend its withdrawal

Yours Faithfully

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