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Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection (Thatcham NE Development)
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Objection made by Brian Goodall

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I am objecting to the plan as I find it unsound

- I have lived and worked in the Newbury area all my life (66 years)
- The proposal to build 1500- 2500 -houses (4000 additional people estimated) in NE Thatcham has the potential to cause detriment to the area having a negative impacting on my life and that of my family who also live in the Newbury area.
- This proposal is not positive for the environment and potentially will cause further environmental issues to this area that has been in decline for some time.
- The following areas are my main concerns :-
 - Currently I understand Thames water are allowing raw sewage at peak times to flow into our water ways I believe a significant increase in residents (4000 estimated) will only increase the burden on the current water treatment facilities. I feel very strongly about this , our waterways need cleaning up rather than making them worse.
 - Now that I am a pensioner my health becomes more prominent . [REDACTED] years ago when we moved to Upper Bucklebury from Cold Ash my wife and myself had to move from Thatcham health centre to Chapel Row Surgery because THC didn't have enough capacity and we were considered out of area. Whilst I have been very happy with the chapel Row surgery and they do provide a first class service I believe they are already stretched. I am concerned this plan will cause a significant decline in the level of service provided at time of my life when it is so important. It is also noted that whilst they provide an excellent prescription service there is a lack of chemists in the area and this is evident by the ques outside Thatcham Health centre.
 - I often travel from Upper Bucklebury to Greenham common to help my son with his business and if I travel by car I can wait up to 40 minutes to cross the Thatcham

railway crossing, increased traffic using this route will cause even longer delays. This does not appear to be addressed.

- I use a bicycle to go from Upper Bucklebury to Greenham when I can, but the cycle lanes are either non-existent, poorly laid out and poorly maintained, increased traffic on this route will make my journey less safe if not dangerous.
- I often take and pick up my grandchildren from schools in Newbury. in the morning recently traffic congestion has caused me to be late and I believe this situation will deteriorate under this plan.
- Increased traffic congestion along the A4 will increase traffic through villages and minor roads causing safety issues for children, cyclists , pedestrians and horses.
- The local infrastructure is not geared for this increase in houses and residents and I do not believe there is a robust plan with any time lines to meet the additional needs of residents in terms of doctors surgeries, schooling, chemists, sports facilities and social amenities.
- The area proposed is an area of outstanding natural beauty enriched with all species of wildlife that I have been able to enjoy on walks.
- Newbury town centre is sadly in decline with shops closing down and leaving the area I believe a factor is online shopping, I do not see how this development will improve the town centre with further traffic congestion it is likely to cause less people to visit the town making it even worse.
- The scale and location of this development is disproportionate for the area it will be an overburden to existing services. It will erode the segregation of Upper Bucklebury and its identity as a village with a significant increase in traffic

For the above concerns with no evidence of these concerns being unfounded I find this plan unsound