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Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Ojection
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Dear Sirs,

As a resident of [REDACTED], I am disappointed to hear of the proposal to build up to 2,500 homes on the site of the proposed Thatcham NW site adjacent to Floral Way and Harts Hill. I **object** to the proposed plan on the the basis that it is unsound and note the following:

Transport

The A4 and Floral Way are already contested at peak times, together with long tail backs to the level crossing. Thatcham's infrastructure already struggles at peak times to cope, without the addition of further homes and therefore additional traffic, at least one car per home, if not more likely two, which will join already contested routes and increase pollution.

I note that there is a proposal for an exit to the site on Harts Hill, but the location of this is unclear. There appears to be no published modelling on the use of this exit and the impact, or drawings to highlight the location. Harts Hill is steep and bendy, and the recent cold weather resulted in dangerous ice patches. Pedestrians and cyclists use the road as there is no pavement. The addition of further traffic will increase safety concerns.

Furthermore, it is highly likely that much of the traffic exiting from Harts Hill will go on to travel through Upper Bucklebury or down Burdens Heath towards Cold Ash. In both cases, going past Primary Schools (Bucklebury Primary and St Finian's) where children are walking to school which again will lead to safety concerns. It is already very dangers passing St Finian's School at school drop off and pick up times, due to the lack of visibility when overtaking parked traffic. The increased traffic will also impact on the nature of these lovely villages which are on the Edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Plan does nothing to explain how the infrastructure will cope, advise how safety in the areas stated will be addressed or justify the impact on the villages which is adjoins.

Environment

The development is on greenfield site rather than developed land and is adjacent to Bucklebury common, home to a variety of wildlife and protected woodland. Due to the traffic concerns highlighted above, there will undoubtedly be additional traffic driving though the common, an area of outstanding natural beauty increasing noise and pollution.

There will also inevitably be an increase in footfall on the common which will be detrimental to the fragile ecosystems. The management vision of Bucklebury Common is focused on not increasing human pressure on the common, but with the homes so near this is a natural consequence, for which I am unable to see any way of mitigating.

Healthcare

All residents should be able to obtain access healthcare facilities, however, these are

already overstretched in the area and the local practices have not been consulted. The Plan therefore does not provide comfort or evidence to confirm that adequate provision will be made.

Yours faithfully,

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