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WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection

I am objecting to the above plan as I find it unsound

Transport

Harts Hill is already a busy road and at peak times traffic is backed up the hill in an attempt to access Floral Way. Attempting to exit [REDACTED] we often have to wait for some time to access Harts Hill as traffic both ways can be very heavy. An additional 1500/2500 houses would exacerbate this problem on this very busy road with no pedestrian pavement. I have on a number of occasions witnessed near misses with cyclists on the blind bends on this road.

The addition of these proposed houses would also have an impact on traffic going into Newbury and traffic accessing Greenham and Burys Bank Road has to cross over the Thatcham railway crossing. Traffic on some occasions has been backed up to the A4. An additional 1500/2500 houses will only add to this problem unless some major road improvements are implemented and a bridge across the railway and river is constructed.

I cannot see what purpose or benefit the proposed car park at Harts Hill would be!

Healthcare

We already have long waits for appointments to see doctors and rarely get to see our own doctor as we have to take what appointment is available. This results in the personal relationship breaking down and can create a lack of confidence.

I am fortunate to have a local dentist who I have been with for many years. My wife had to register with a dentist in Pangbourne some 8/10 miles away as there were no options in the local area.

My concern is that without a guaranteed provision of a primary care medical facility the possible impact of an additional 1500/2500 houses could cause a meltdown of the existing healthcare facilities.

Environment

It looks as if the WBC documentation is printed off from some template! It is obvious that detailed investigation and research in several areas has not been completed and evidence is not available.

Education

The LPR is extremely vague in providing details for Nursery, Primary and Secondary education. This again shows a lack of proper research on funding costs. A number of primary schools are oversubscribed. Kennet Secondary is well oversubscribed with no possibility of extending the current buildings. An additional 1500/2500 houses would necessitate pupils having to be bussed to Theale or Compton if they have capacity.

There is a lack of evidence that the proposed funding will meet the Councils obligations to provide the required education or funding for the very important sports fields required for a modern Secondary School.

I hope all of the above points will be considered

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