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To: [PlanningPolicy](#)
Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection.
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Dear West Berkshire Council representatives,

I wish to object to the unsound proposal to repurpose farming and grazing land in NE Thatcham for the purpose of providing new homes to the town.

I feel that the proposed development is entirely unsound because the land is a greenfield site, the fields on Harts hill are currently actively and very successfully used for growing crops and grazing livestock. I simply cannot imagine how the proposal can be considered as valid in any way.

In my opinion, the council should further review other available options and specifically focus on regeneration of brownfield sites within the town.

Currently Thatcham as a town is found lacking in many fundamental areas in the way it caters for the existing population. The basic infrastructure for example is already under pressure and a bridge over the railway line should be the absolute priority.

The area has fallen badly behind in the services and amenities available to residents.

I agree that an additional country park is a great idea I feel however that the green space marked as "country park" on the plan falls short in terms of scale and appears merely to be a box ticking exercise rather than an inspired plan to provide real value to residents. A new country park would be very welcome and the local council could take inspiration from other local councils such as Wokingham.

In order for Thatcham to thrive the planners will need to make strategic moves to fill the existing gaps and by proposing to expand the population on this massive scale in a very concentrated part of North Thatcham, it is a clear indication that the planners have failed to fully understand the challenges.

Harts hill road itself for example is already an accident black spot, any proposal increasing traffic and footfall volume here is ill conceived.

As I am a resident of [REDACTED] I will personally be greatly adversely affected if the development goes ahead, it will change dramatically the peaceful environment in which I live and will be hugely damaging to the wide range of wildlife living here ranging from deer, wild birds and a variety of species of bats and newts.

As a summary, I am objecting to the proposed large scale greenfield development and demand the local council adopts a policy for future developments to be primarily on brownfield sites.

Yours sincerely,

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