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Subject: Objection to West Berks Local Plan Proposal Submission
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Dear sirs

I would like to object to the proposal to build 2500 homes in NW Thatcham for the following reasons:

1. This volume of houses would lead to them overdevelopment of Thatcham and mean that the town will more or less merge with the village of Upper Bucklebury.
2. The extra traffic will cause many problems such as
 - increased volume using the level crossing in Thatcham which already causes long traffic jams
 - Harts Hill is a narrow and winding road which is barely wide enough for two large vehicles to pass. There are no pavements in Harts Hill and cyclists already take their lives in their hands when they cycle up or down it. The idea of so much more traffic on this dangerous road is horrifying.
 - the roads in the vicinity are not well maintained and pot holes often appear over winter and in wet periods. West Berks council can't keep up with the repairs at the moment and this would be worse with increased volumes of traffic
3. Bucklebury Common and the surrounding areas are home to a wide diversity of wildlife much of which is on the amber or red list of threatened species for example tawny owls, bats, slow worms, tree pipits and night jars. If these houses are built it will lead to more walkers on the Common which is more or less adjacent to the site and the destruction of much of the habitat and biodiversity of the area.
4. There is no provision for doctors' or dentist surgeries. It's already very difficult to get a doctor's appointment and impossible to find an NHS dentist in our area. How will the 5000 (minimum) people get medical and dental treatment?

Best wishes
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