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I am writing to object to the planned NE Thatcham Development. I believe the plan is not thought through with little or no mitigation to the impact it will have on the infrastructure of Thatcham and the surrounding villages.

The location of the site means that there is going to be a massive increase in car traffic with no improvements to the road infrastructure which is already struggling with the current traffic volumes.

The A4 through Thatcham is already a bottleneck, Floral Way has queues in the mornings and the extra traffic through places like Bucklebury will increase safety issues. I don't see any assessment has been made of the routes most likely to be affected by the increase in traffic and therefore any plan to improve the roads or mitigate the problems that will be caused.

There does not seem to be any suitable plan to manage the increased school population with current schools already oversubscribed. Plans are at best unclear and unsatisfactory with no details for nursery and early years education for example.

There doesn't seem to be any realistic plans to cope with the increased demand for Doctors and dentists.

There is also the damage to environment with the increased risk of flooding, damage to ancient woodlands, reduction in the greenspace between Thatcham and Bucklebury and siting this development next to an AONB. There seems to be no plan for adequate open spaces for recreation or wellbeing forcing people to travel to other locations increasing traffic further and the subsequent damage to the AONB through increased footfall etc.

I fully understand the need for more housing. I am of the opinion that allowing such a large development with little or no regards to the current situation and improvements to infrastructure and environment is a matter of complete neglect to the people and environment of Thatcham and surrounding area and goes against many aims of the council and the government's own policies.

Regards

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