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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the plans for 2500 houses in North East Thatcham

The infrastructure is already creaking in Thatcham. Roads are in an awful state, Doctors appointments are hard to come by and the local secondary school is terribly overcrowded despite its Ofsted rating.

To introduce 2500 homes with all the associated vehicle movements would be a disaster. There seems to be no appetite to build a new bridge across the railway which may mitigate some of the issue. It seems that the existing residents of Thatcham will suffer poor air quality as a result if the development proceeds.

Flooding is also an issue. My home was flooded in 2007. Concreting over the northern run off would seem rash, where will the water run off go? Hopefully not in my house again.

The area being considered is a beautiful buffer between the town of Thatcham and Upper Bucklebury. Is it worth ruining? In an age where environmental concerns are forefront, it seems West Berks Council are willing to sacrifice forever, a beautiful area, for extra money from council tax and developer payments

If housing targets are to be hit, perhaps it is worth looking at sites outside the already congested towns. How about Newbury showground. Big site close to good road connections

I hope you will look on my objections favourably

Yours faithfully

Simon Gale