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I am prepared to appear at the public enquiry, if invited

To Whom it my concern,

As a resident, in the neighbouring for years, I am writing to lodge my strong objection to this ill proposed development.

This would have a significant and an irreversible negative impact on the existing communities, infrastructure and wildlife.

The planned infrastructure to support such a large development is not sufficient, and will put pressure on the police, fire, refuge collection, local NHS, roads and transport services, not to mention the water and waste services. I don't believe there has been sufficient impact analysis carried out to warrant the approval of such a development and the plan does not address, to an acceptable level, the additional demand on these services.

Adding new schools does not address all the other infrastructure needs. I have not seen plans for a new train station to support this new community nor how this additional load will be managed on an already high risk water and waste network. We have seen recently that demand is already too high in Thatcham for doctor surgeries, with a move to transfer patients to the Chapel Row surgery making it impossible now to get an appointment.

Building such a development of this size near an AONB and many other surrounding areas that are at risk of flooding is irresponsible. This will have a detrimental impact to the AONB and there is a flagrant disregard on conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB with the proposal of providing easy access to roads going through Chapel Row village. This road is not designed to take this level of proposed traffic, these are country roads with no footpaths. Currently Chapel Row caters for cyclist and horse riders; a quiet and idyllic village that you are proposing to destroy.

You might meet your goal of introducing houses to hit your target of 9,775 homes for 2037 but in doing so you will be creating issues outside your control for years to come.

In recent years local objections to developments in the area have evidently been ignored, such as building on the Thatcham nature reserve, it is not too late to carry out more in-depth impact analysis and course correct, I implore you to do so.

Kind Regards