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**Subject:** Proposed development to NE of Thatcham

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Dear Planning assessor,

I object to the plan as proposed.

There has been inadequate assessment of its impact on the environment: it is greenfield when brownfield sites are available and have been discounted for poor reasons. This needs to be reviewed particularly in the light of recent Government advice.

No consideration has been made for the effect on the flora and fauna (including humans) neither on this area nor the adjacent AONB, nor that it is subject to flooding (who remembers 2007?). Also the increased light and noise pollution associated with a further 5000 humans.

Educational and medical provisions are already stretched in this area and no effective attempt has been made to plan ahead for these. The NHS plans for what is not for the future. Grandly it is stated that there will be new schools and health provision but where is the permission from the relevant authorities? Where will the skilled manpower come from?

The original plan suggested that all the extra traffic would exit onto A4, but now an exit onto Harts Hill Road is proposed. This is unworkable as that road is unable to cope with the present volume of traffic and fast driving. It is already a dangerous road particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians.

This proposal is poorly thought out and lacks precision.

It is true that some housing is needed, but where, how and with what services needs to be represented.

I can elaborate