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I am objecting to the plan as I find it unsound. I think this is an extremely poorly thought out plan and it is clear that it is being forced through without any real regard for the local area and the current community.

I am concerned by the increase in traffic that will affect travel along the A4 and at busy times all junctions on to, and off, the A4. I am VERY concerned about the impact of traffic that will travel up Harts Hill and either out through Upper Bucklebury and Bradfield or along Burden's Heath and towards Cold Ash. Through Cold Ash there are no pavements past St Finian's (I am amazed no children have been involved in accidents walking around the parked cars to the school) . There are huge issues at pick up and drop off time with cars queuing to get in and cars trying to travel on through Cold Ash overtaking on a blind corner. There were many accidents and issues on Harts Hill in the icy weather imagine how much worse this will be with a hugely increased weight of traffic, not to mention the danger for anyone pushing bikes up this EXTREMELY narrow road with limited visibility.

How will traffic get across the railway crossing when we can already queue back for many minutes often almost to the A4. With increased weight of traffic the queues will go back to, and block up, the A4.

I am concerned that no Health Impact Statement has been carried out and the increased pressure this development will have on our already stretched GP surgeries. You often cannot get an appointment when needed so what will happen when there are more people accessing our very few surgeries.? This development have a huge impact on our hospitals as there will then be an increased overflow into hospitals and A and E when people can't find the medical help they need in the right time frame.

I am horrified by the impact on the local environment, we have already experienced large amounts of flooding in Thatcham in the not so distant past. To effectively concrete over the whole of one side of the valley you will just increase the run off, and the speed of the run off, leading to further flooding for Thatcham.

The effect of the spill over into the local areas is a real worry living in Bucklebury Common. We already experience antisocial behaviour, littering, motorbikes, mountain bikers and 4x4s in the common. We meet lots of people dog walking and we ourselves keep horses and ride through the common. During lockdown when everyone was seeking space to walk for recreation we had lots more people walking through the village than normal. At first this seemed a positive thing but it soon became apparent there were cars being parked cars all over the common (crushing flora and fauna, breaking up the ancient surface and damaging the roots of the trees), they did

not make eye contact or say hello and many did not know how to behave around horses i.e. letting dogs run up which would bark and spook the horses. We keep chickens in an allotment and they are regularly worried by dogs that have come across from the paths in the common. During Covid we would find people wandering through the allotments assuming that they were able to walk anywhere. The more people that are pushed into Bucklebury Common, the more antisocial behaviour will happen and the more accidents will happen with dogs chasing horses/ animals, motorbikes frightening horses, off roaders taking to any area of the common they would like etc.

SP17 is a seriously poorly thought out policy building on green, open agricultural land and ruining yet another area of our countryside. There will be a significant impact on our local ancient and protected woodland and the wildlife that is found within. There must surely be better sites that can be used for these houses.

Yours sincerely

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