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I have concerned over the planning application to build 2,500 to the north east of Thatcham.

My main concerns are as follows:

Traffic - the development will probably attract in the region of 2,000 or more cars to the area. If they travel west towards Newbury via Floral there will be congestion on both Heath Lane and Bowling Green Road at the junctions with Cold ash Hill and Northfield Road. These two roads are not suitable to be developed into a dual carriageway and the addition of traffic lights will only cause further congestion. Current parking facilities in the centre of Thatcham could not accommodate such an increase in parking needs.

Primary Health Care - As there are fewer GP's in the UK than in 2015 the possibility of a viable primary care medical facility being created is somewhat limited.

Schools - Currently local schools and nurseries are not in a position to absorb additional children. There is also a national shortage of teacher. The proposed develop plans are unclear as to provision of both primary and secondary.

Sports facilities - There is no evidence of funding or a suitable location in the planning application.

I therefore consider the planning application unsound.

Regards Gordon Sturmey

