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To: PlanningPolice

Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection Date: 20 February 2023 13:19:58

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Dear Sir / Madam

I am contacting you to formally register my objection to the proposed development of between 1,500 & 2,500 houses in N.E. Thatcham at Siege Cross & surrounding area as I find it unsound.

My objection is based upon the following reasons:

- Infrastructure can not handle the current number of vehicles on the road around Floral Way & the A4 Bath Road. It certainly could not take more.
- The local schools cannot take more pupils, both Francis Baily & Kennet are struggling & are maximised in numbers of students, with 30 to a class already across intakes in the case of Francis Baily. Kennet school is already a huge secondary school & had a waiting list for 2022 intake of Year 7s.
- The area proposed for development is one in which we regularly walk as a family, benefitting both physical & mental health. There are few remaining green areas locally already for wildlife to flourish & benefit our climate from.
- The drainage would be a concern given historic flooding in Thatcham, requiring yet further investment.
- Thatcham town centre requires investment to encourage footfall like Newbury has had.
- There are not enough amenities already, such as places at Doctors surgeries.

I think it would be far more beneficial to look at brown field sites elsewhere, should West Berkshire not meet its housing criteria numbers. However I thought councils now had more control over housing numbers, following recent legislative changes by national government.

My address is:



Kind rgds,

Matt Jerome | Commercial Controller

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