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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to raise my concerns and ultimate objection to the proposed housing development of 1500+ houses in NE Thatcham. After significant consideration, whilst I do not disagree that new homes are needed, I do feel strongly that the proposals as they stand are unsound. As a resident of Chapel Row for the past [REDACTED] years and prior to that as resident in Thatcham for [REDACTED] years, I have watched the town and the area change.

The roads have become so much busier, and in Chapel Row, I already note too many motorists speeding and many with no due care for the fact that there people are often walking on the roads, perhaps with young children and dogs etc. The new plans not only connect to the A4 but also to Harts Hill Road. The additional traffic being pushed through Upper Bucklebury and along The Avenue will be significant and to change these roads will have an unacceptable impact on The Common. It is already apparent that the roads are not geared to increased traffic as is apparent when there are issues on the A4 and traffic diverts. There is no street lighting and it is already a challenge and dangerous when larger vehicles navigate these roads. I have also noted that a car park is planned on Harts Hill - why? Does the development not have enough parking for the planned houses? I have noted in previous developments that parking for each house, driveways and garages has been limited, a naive belief that if parking is difficult people just won't have cars perhaps? Drive round the streets now - they are littered with cars. What is the purpose of this proposed car park, is it for the residents who can't park? I am concerned that it may become a meeting point and another location to encourage anti-social behaviour that unfortunately already occurs in some locations on the Common.

We really must, collectively, protect our local environment and that means very, very carefully looking at various options for new housing stock and we must consider the true impact of the development on the local ecology. Is there a publically accessible document on the ecological impact of this development? I have not been able to find one. A proper assessment of the additional housing, and potential additional visitors to the Common must be properly assessed to protect what we have for all over many many more years.

I recall being able to get a Drs appointment at my local surgery, both in Thatcham and Chapel Row, in a reasonable timeframe, then as more and more houses have been built in the surrounding areas it became difficult for people to register with their nearest GP so the outlying surgeries opened up to new patients. People should be able to register with a GP without great difficulty and be able to access appointments and care within a reasonable timeframe, but unfortunately the latter is no longer the case. This new development is only going to make this worse, it is unacceptable. Realistically a new GP surgery is not going to happen any time soon and I have been unable to see a HIA specifically associated with this planned development. I therefore have no confidence in any statements advising me that 'all will be well'.

In conclusion, I feel compelled to object to this development, I feel the plans are unsound and more consideration is necessary and must be sensitive to local concerns. Pause and think carefully - is this not the right thing to do in light of new planning guidance that is

due later this year?

Yours faithfully,
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