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Dear sir/madam,

I am objecting to the plan to build up to 2,500 homes as I believe it to be unsound and will have an extremely negative impact on my quality of life and that of the environment.

As a resident of [REDACTED] years in Upper Bucklebury, I have noticed natural, minimal infill development and a couple of very small estates in keeping with the village's character. This has inevitably added traffic movements locally, however this is minuscule compared to proposals to build so many homes on green field land in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the North Wessex Downs.

The traffic movements would vastly increase, bringing more vehicles up Harts Hill Road and through the village. This road is rural, does not have a cycle path at all or pavement for pedestrians until it reaches Upper Bucklebury. At the Eastern end, Cox's Lane is a single track, bendy road with few passing places.

The area is home to legally protected wildlife which would be displaced. Building on agricultural green fields used for animal grazing and crop production cannot be advisable.

The settlement of Thatcham will merge into one long development and our village will lose its identity if this plan goes ahead. As more people travel in vehicles for work, school and leisure the roads will become more congested. The A4 is already clogged at peak times and the route through Upper Bucklebury will become a rat run.

The NHS does not have a policy of creating new GP surgeries as part of its strategy. Current patient lists at existing surgeries are enormous and the addition of several thousand more patients will break the NHS locally, putting patients even more at risk of not receiving the care they need.

Bucklebury Common has an ecosystem which is important, nationally and risks increased footfall and resulting damage.

What is the purpose of the car park proposed on Harts Hill Road? Car parks in Bucklebury are already used for anti-social behaviour such as drug use. A new car park will provide another location for this illegal activity.

While all these extra people will need access to green space, creating a 'country park' is not to the benefit of the existing population and could encourage further development.

Please reconsider.

Yours faithfully,

Debbie Kent

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