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Subject: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection (to proposed Thatcham NE Development)
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Dear Madam/Sir,

Good evening.

I strongly object to the above plans which are unsound for, amongst many others, the following reasons:

You and we have already - from previous developments - experienced the increased environmental and financial cost of flooding. We do our best to protect ourselves and others on the other side of the A4. We can all only guess at the level of destruction that would be caused by the development; it appears just a few people actually care.

After so many environmental mistakes and continuing international strife during our lifetime, surely most of us have realised that we owe it to future generations to find ways of protecting our remaining beautiful land here.

Few have commuted by bike for as long, often or much as me, both here and in central London. And I have, for at least 25 years, thought that the journey from Thatcham heading east is the stretch of road on which my bike and I already have the highest probability of meeting my maker. I urge you to try it at various times to see how dangerous it is. Yet more development will just shorten the odds for me and all other road users. (I would love to believe a cycle lane were feasible for that stretch, but I find it hard to imagine a solution that could properly safeguard cyclists and others without first reducing heavy traffic.)

The wildlife and bucolic attention around this development seem to be derisory. Thatcham may be the oldest (or at least one of the oldest) continuously inhabited places in Britain. Misguided developments have already taken it high up the ladder of poorest infrastructure developments. It is hard not to conclude that the proposers' thought process is: "we've messed up massively already there; people might not complain about our making it even more poorly served".

I could go on but I trust you agree with my strong belief that the application should be refused. We can all pretend that our current decisions do not make huge differences to the future of our world. But I hope you agree that that is wrong and just a poor excuse.

I am happy to appear at the public enquiry if invited.

Yours faithfully,

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