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My name is Lauretta Le Rougetel and my address is

I wish to strongly object to the Thatcham NE Development as there are many areas of the plan which are unsound.

I have lived in the area since and have witnessed a complete transformation of what was once a beautiful rural part of West Berkshire. I accept change happens but I will hopefully not be around too long (I'm ) to witness this monstrous plan come, if it does, to fruition. I would rather move out of Bucklebury, a place I have loved for nearly 50 years.

Top of the list of countless objections is increased traffic through the village. Harts Hill is already a very dangerous road too narrow really for some of the lorries that thunder along it at speed and peak time traffic along The Avenue in Bucklebury has turned a once quiet road into nothing short of a motorway.

I believe there is a plan for an exit at the north of the site onto Harts Hill which only became apparent last month. WHY? Traffic from or to the site will, it seems, only head in one direction towards Upper Bucklebury where it will split sending traffic through Cold Ash, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row.

And the council thinks this will improve road safety on our pavementless small county roads!!! I'm glad I'm no longer a cyclist or that I ride a horse or am able to enjoy long country walks. I do not believe for one second there will be a positive impact on road safety.

My second main objection is the impact of so many houses on the environment. A major greenfield development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty? When there are other more suitable sites? It's beyond belief that some vague proposal for two "community parks" will protect the natural environment.

Bucklebury Common, its ancient woodlands and heaths will, without question, be impacted negatively. I believe a professional review has concluded as much. Hardly rocket science!

Bucklebury Common management have been focusing on not increasing human pressure on eco systems they have been working so hard to restore and protect. Nightjars to name but one increasingly rare bird to visit the heathlands.

The ever growing number of dogs let loose on the common at nesting time has an effect on that.

Finally, I read that the council has not consulted properly with Thames Water over the time needed for water and sewage provision. Agreed, something of a major flaw! One of many.

I sincerely hope the plan is dismissed on the basis of a defective Regulation 19 consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Laurie Le Rougetel.