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Re: WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection - SP17

I have been a resident of Thatcham and Upper Bucklebury continuously for over 50 years. I strongly object to the Thatcham NE Development plan because I believe it to be unsound, for the following reasons.

- Healthcare provision - current GP and Dental surgeries are already full. There is no provision for expansion of current facilities or for new practices. New housing will manifestly increase demand. As an older resident, I am concerned we would experience even more difficulty accessing healthcare in my later years.
- Environment - hugely important. This is a rural, farming community. Crops grown here feed the people; the land should be protected and honoured for that very reason alone. More housing built on these nutrition-producing fields will intrinsically decrease yields and the ability of the farming community to feed the nation.
- Transport - because of the very significant increase in volumes of cars etc., any development **must not allow vehicular exit onto Harts Hill**. As with all the roads in our part of the village, our lane in Upper Bucklebury is narrow, rural and has no pavement or lighting. It could not cope with increased traffic funnelled through via access from Harts Hill. Any upgrading of the roads/lanes would downgrade the rurality of this ancient village. 'Safe travel' would only be achieved by destroying the countryside around.
- Education - more housing equals more school places needed. However, numbers of Pupils are crucial. Exactly where would the new school be built, it's not clear. Funding - is this sufficient to provide the legally obliged level of education the government demands.
- Leisure activities in a rural area - walking, running, riding, bird watching, flora & fauna observation and immersion. How much will survive once the inevitable creep of urbanisation progresses up the hill to Upper Bucklebury and the other villages.
- I therefore ask that the council allows opportunity to consider the government's updated planning guidance, to pause and review this plan.

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