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Dear West Berkshire Council

I am writing to object to the Thatcham NE Development as i find it unsound.

My reasonings are as follows,

- Increased traffic - The plan to have an exit and a carpark off of Hart hills seems dangerous on a already hazardous road. The road is a hill that becomes dangerous during winter months and tends to have damaged due to frequent levels of traffic using it. The Thatcham NE Development will make this worse, i don't understand how the WBC feels this is a safe option.
- destruction of wildlife habitat - It goes without saying that any development on green land is going to damage and erode the natural habitats of our wildlife. Any development would result in severe negative impact to all animal species.
- Education - i have strong concerns about the plan to provide an early years provision within the development. I fear that a development such as this will lead to the end of small rural Early Years settings. The Early Years sector is already in crisis and needs investment in quality settings. Large organisations, such as nurseries that are more likely to be what WBC are describing when they say 'Early Years Provision' will be on site rarely deliver high quality education and have a historic statistic of having high turn-over of staff/leadership. We should be supporting the smaller settings and encouraging investment as smaller setting deliver the high quality and continuity that the young children need.

Bucklebury is a small rural village, this will cease if the Thatcham NE Development were to go ahead, which in turn would have an effect on the quality of life for many families.

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