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This is an **EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK** before you **CLICK** links or **OPEN** attachments.

I would like to register my objections to the proposed building of between 1500/2500 houses on the North East of Thatcham – namely WBC LPR Regulation 19 Objection.

My name is **Diane Dalgarno** and I live at [REDACTED]
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I am against the development because of the detrimental environmental impact it will have on Bucklebury Common as well as the proposed development site. Bucklebury Common has many legally protected species including ground nesting birds. Even a proportion of the population of the development and their dogs who will come onto the common will cause significant disturbance and damage as happened during Covid.

The green sites on the proposed development will not satisfy the demand for green space by all the inhabitants of the proposed development as admitted by yourselves with the complete lack of strategy documents.

The flagrant carelessness displayed in the consultation document for the environment are at best vague and at worst unsubstantiated. I fail to see how a Council supposedly working for the people are prepared to accept this destruction of their local environment.

Leading on from this there is the dramatic increase in traffic which will inevitably pass up Harts Hill, onto Broad Lane through Upper Bucklebury and the surrounding small 'quiet' lanes. Cycling or walking is already hazardous in these lanes and will become impossible with the increased usage that is inevitable. Another environmental issue which surely cannot be ignored. The consultation document actually admits this increase.

From reading the local newspapers there is already sewage being dumped into the Kennet and Avon canal suggesting that our already overstretched water and sewage systems are overloaded. Unless there is a huge investment by Thames Water to address this then there is another environmental issue which must be given urgent consideration. It is beyond belief that this hasn't already been done.

I worked for Thatcham Health Centre for [REDACTED] years and know they are already stretched to capacity as are the Burdwood and Chapel Row surgeries. They haven't the capacity to take on another 4000 patients and would not want to open a branch surgery with all the necessary technical equipment and skilled professionals required. The NHS is so short of doctors, midwives, health visitors, nurses, social service providers. How will the development inhabitants get medical and mental health cover? How will current population numbers be served by the increase on the already overstretched medical resources? This issue has not been addressed at all. How uncaring is that?

Kennet School is at capacity. How do you propose to meet your obligations in providing an education for all the children and young people on this development? Again, a definite promise of educational facilities for all ages is a failure by the Council.

The whole plan is unsound and based on something paid for by developers who have nothing but financial gain in mind. The Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing and Communities has had the sense to back down on the number of houses needing to be

built.

I am deeply disappointed that a Council whose job it is to care for their electors whom they are supposed to represent have shown such complete callousness and distain.

Yours sincerely

Diane Dalgarno

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