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I am writing to object to the above plan as I feel it is unsound.

My husband and I have lived in Chapel Row since the beginning of In that time we have raised a family and made many friends and acquaintances and become very much part of village life.

We have been extremely happy here and plan to spend the rest of our lives here.

Over the past five years or so, traffic in the village has seen a big increase, especially when there are problems on the A4 Bath Road. A lot of the village roads do not have paths and street lighting. Drivers do not always take notice of the speed limits through the villages and especially along the common. With the proposed plan to build at least a further 1500 houses in the North East of Thatcham, we forsee a lot more through traffic and no plans for possible speed restrictions or calming measures proposed. We can see the potential for serious accidents.

We use the footpaths and byways on Bucklebury Common regularly for walking and exercising the family dogs, (especially during the Covid pandemic). However, over the last few years this has become increasingly spoiled by people driving their quad bikes, motorbikes and four by four vehicles on land not intended for this purpose. Also fly tipping is on the increase. Allowing more people access will undoubtedly result in this getting worse and have a significant impact on walking, cycling, horse-riding. It will also impact on the wildlife in the area.

The plan will have a big impact on education in the area, especially secondary education, and NHS doctors, and dentists which are already oversubscribed. There appears to be no serious attempt to investigate and address the consequences of building such a large number of houses. There are other brownfield sites around that would be more suitable and less impactful.

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