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Good afternoon,

Having read the revised plan for north east Thatcham I would like to make the following points.

- 1) Thatcham and indeed Newbury infrastructure is creaking at the seams and any building of new dwellings must address these infrastructure issues in the first phase of any development
- a) School places
- b) sewerage
- c) Doctors and Dentist
- d) Road capacity and type
- 2) Homes for first time buyers and young families
- a) Homes that are developed for first time buyers etc. should have restricted covenants placed upon so that they can only be sold to first time buyers at initial and future sales, this would help keep housing stock only for first time buyers to get on to the housing ladder
- 3) West Berks should seek to give over some of the developments to local SME builders (eg Westbuild before it closed) with a proven track record of delivering quality rather than it all going to large corporate builders.

Many thanks,

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