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1st February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Having read the proposals of your 325 residential homes to be built almost opposite our estate, we ask these questions.

Where are the thousands of people who live in them going to find doctors? Trying to see a doctor since covid is almost impossible. And if you are building (how many?) places for the elderly, where will they access doctors, nurses and have their obvious extra needs met in an already oversubscribed area when they require urgent help, but not urgent enough for an ambulance?

Where are people going to find chemists? In Thatcham town centre there are NO chemists left. The only one nearby is a Boots attached to Thatcham Medical Centre and is so tiny, that stock is reduced to practically nothing and the queues outside on a daily basis are appalling.

Where are they going to find a bank? None left in Thatcham now.

As we have no school-age children we don't know if any have places for all the new incomers, but do they? Have you checked?

New homes are not viable without the infrastructure for everyday living and we don't see any of that on your plans.

Country parks, woodland, play areas and wildflower meadows are all very well but people need doctors, banks, chemists and schools.

And these things should be in place before one single house is built.

It was only recently in 2019 that Bloor Homes built their Thatcham Place estate on Tull Way. There are 75 houses there. Enough surely for a small, market town like Thatcham?

Yet plans are still in place for a new development at the top of Floral Way, containing an enormous 2,500 homes. More like a small town than an estate. How many thousands of people will settle there? If that gets planning permission granted why will we need your homes as well? And where will everyone go for essential services?

Just because land is available, doesn't mean you have to fill it!

Your comments would be welcome.

Yours faithfully

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Mr & Mrs Bateman