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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the Local Plan under consultation insofar as it includes a proposal to build 1,500 house in North East Thatcham.

I object to the plan as I find it unsound.

1. Thatcham has already been the subject of a disproportionate level of planning compared with other equivalent areas locally and further afield. The small town as it existed in the early 1980s is barely recognisable today and the sense from the local plan is that this house building scheme is a quick easy fix to meet planning targets with little or no regard to the impact this development will have on the surrounding area, local amenities, the environment or the safety of the communities.

2. It really is disappointing that those elected to serve West Berkshire are doing so little to protect our landscape and community by proposing an ill-thought out Local Plan which will permanently negatively impact the community and disfigure the countryside.

3. When history judges the decisions made by those constituting West Berkshire Council today, a decision to implement the Local Plan, if made, would be looked back on as a major mistake and misjudgement by those individuals involved.

4. I cannot see how the Local Plan's proposal to build such an enormous volume of buildings has even begun to consider the dreadful impact the development will have on the environment and the communities. Once what we have is lost it will be lost forever. There will be no option of reversing the damage that the Local Plan will cause. Ancient woodlands will be decimated, countryside enjoyed by local communities for centuries will disappear and wildlife will be sacrificed. And all to meet unnecessary and inflated home building targets when a more creative and constructive approach for additional housing needed by the communities could and should be achieved on a basis which shares the impact of these developments across West Berkshire.

5. Looking at the disproportionate and unsustainable effect the 1,500 houses will have on local amenities it is surprising a Local Plan in this form is even out for consultation. Every single resident in Thatcham and the surrounding area, my family included, will permanently have to deal with;

- a. worse transport
- b. worse air quality and more pollution
- c. worse healthcare
- d. worse education services

Those making this decision should consider very carefully the permanent damage the proposal to build 1,500 homes in North Thatcham in the Local Plan will cause and the dreadful legacy this will leave for current and future generations who choose West Berkshire as their home.

The Local Plan should not be adopted.

Yours faithfully,

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