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To: [PlanningPolicy](#)
Subject: Local Plan Review 2022-2039 concerns
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Dear Sirs,

Policies RSA9, RSA10 and RSA11

I am writing to voice my concerns over the Local Plan that appears to include up to 200 extra homes being built in Theale.

According to the plan an extra 100 houses could be built to the West of the village (policy RSA 9) and a further 100 houses to the East (policies RSA10 and RSA 11).

This would be a notable increase in the amount of housing in Theale, and my biggest concern is that these extra homes would put significant extra pressure on local facilities, and in particular the local schools.

I have lived in Theale for about [REDACTED] months, and have a [REDACTED] year old son. We applied for him to attend Theale Primary School when we moved here. However, we are continually told that there is no space for him due to over subscription at the school. Instead, we have to drive 5 miles each way to his old school in [REDACTED] in Calcot, meaning we are driving about 100 miles a week to take him to school and pick him back up.

I do not see how having a further 200 families in the village is tenable, considering the likely extra number of school places that this would require. As our experience shows, there are not enough school places for even one extra family, let alone 200. I seriously doubt that the capacity of the school could be increased enough to accomodate the likely extra number of children in the village.

I further note that the High Street already suffers from bad traffic congestion (which we have no choice but to drive through to take our son to school each day), and the increased housing would only make this significantly worse.

Whilst I understand the need for extra housing, I would say that Theale is not a suitable place for them.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Adam Capewell

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