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To whom it may concern

My details - Matthew Dorich, [REDACTED]

I am writing this email to raise my objection to the proposed development between Thatcham and Upper Bucklebury. I believe this proposal/idea was conceived without a logical approach to the impact to the local countryside or the local residents and more importantly it seems to have been drawn up with no local knowledge or experience at all. Please find my objections listed below

- Traffic

The roads in this area already suffer at peak times and there isn't the structure in place to cope with an increase in volume of traffic. If you look at the Shaw and Aldermaston Wharf roundabouts on the A4 you will see that they are already working beyond their capabilities. The danger to cyclists and pedestrians cannot be ignored and the fatalities will no doubt increase. The road layout above Thatcham will not cope with the increase either, with the road to Cold Ash and the through Upper Bucklebury coming to mind

- Healthcare

The existing healthcare system will not cope with the new development and there hasn't been any contact with any of the local GP practices with regards to opening a new surgery. The minor injuries unit is already too busy and with the nearest hospital being Reading, a hospital that is presently trying to help an huge local population, it makes no sense to build all these homes with no plans in place to increase the available healthcare.

- Countryside

It is an obvious objection, but the loss of so much countryside will have huge effect on the local area and inhabitants. One of the reasons all the people moved to or stayed in this area is the AONB and the footpaths that meander across the fields. This will all be lost. There is an existing problem with fly tipping and this will only be exacerbated. Add to this the litter that will be left on the roads and in the lay-bys and you find a considerable environmental hazard that was not there before.

- Schools

In relation to secondary schools, about which I know more, there is only the Kennet and The Downs, these are both already heavily oversubscribed and with the location of the development this will upset the balance with regards to catchment areas of schools. Some families will have planned a decade or so ahead with regards to where to live and which schools to send their children to.

I hope that all of my points are then on board and that this ill-fated and terribly organised plan will not go ahead,

Yours, Matthew Dorich