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Dear planning committee members,

I am writing to object to the proposed Local Plan for the development of up to 2,500 houses in North-East Thatcham. I am objecting on the following grounds –

1. In 2015 the WBC made a strong case against the development at Siege Cross, stating the potential devastating harm the development of 500 houses would mean for the local environment and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Specific reasons included the erosion of Thatcham's identity, the urbanisation of key areas of landscape, the failure to conserve the historic and rural landscape of Siege Cross and detracting from the overall character of the AONB. All these points are still valid and are even more important as the proposed development is significantly larger.
2. Increased traffic through Thatcham, Upper Bucklebury, Midgham and Cold Ash
3. Greater flood risk to Thatcham
4. Increased light, air and noise pollution
5. Significant pressure on local services and amenities, which are already stretched

I hope that those making this decision will think about the context of the decision. This will impact many generations to come and negatively impact the local environment forever. While I am aware of the need for more housing, adding more in this area – and going against their own previous objections – is short-sighted and will create an appalling legacy for the Council.

The Local Plan should not be adopted.

Yours sincerely
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