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Dear Sirs,

I hereby object to the above plan as I find it unsound in a number of important regards:

- The plan for a car park near and junction exiting onto Harts Hill Road is ill-considered. It will increase traffic onto an unrestricted rural road with no pavements and no road lighting. The sharp bend on this road is already dangerous; oncoming traffic is frequently travelling too fast for the road and over the centre line. This road is also regularly in a dreadful state of repair and road markings are often virtually non-existent. There is the potential here for serious accidents to occur.
- The plan is likely to see a significant increase in traffic through Upper Bucklebury towards Chapel Row and Southend Bradfield. The long straight stretches of road across Bucklebury Common are again unrestricted, unlit, have no pavements and are very poorly maintained by WBC. In addition, groups of deer often run from the common across the road without warning and cause accidents. I have personally experienced this - a deer took off the front bumper of my car.
- The plan needs to better consider the provision of suitable medical and dentistry facilities. At the Chapel Row surgery the car parking area has already been extended but at times there is still a need for people to park on the grass opposite (along the Avenue). This is already unacceptable and is likely to get worse if the plan is approved.
- The plan will, because of the number of proposed houses and therefore people and cars involved, inevitably place a significant additional negative pressure on the important and fragile ecosystems on Bucklebury Common and the wider AONB. These should not be sacrificed for supposed social and economic benefits.
- What provision is to be made for shopping locally? There is already an insufficiency of supermarket shopping in Thatcham (a small Coop and a relatively small Waitrose) with inadequate parking facilities. There will inevitably be a significant increase in traffic crossing the railway line at Thatcham to access Pinchington Lane (Newbury) shops via the Greenham Common Road - with associated local congestion and delay - and along the A4 towards both Newbury and Calcot. None of this is good news for the area where the roads are already in an atrocious state.

Yours faithfully,

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