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Subject: Local plan regulation 19 objection to thatcham Northeast housing development
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I am objecting to the proposed housing development in the North East of thatcham.

I believe the proposed increase in housing would have a negative impact on the community as it would limit access to nature and green spaces essential for positive mental health and would impact quality of life. Health could also be affected due to increased traffic fumes. The plans would have a negative impact on an area of outstanding natural beauty which has a range of biodiversity and ancient woodlands. There would be a great loss of ecosystems should the development go ahead.

It would also mean building on a green field site where there are plenty of brownfield sites in Newbury, West Street Council offices. I feel the plan is vague previously stating 2 country parks now a Community park. This is a big difference. We do not need parks as we have the countryside and footpaths as is.

I am concerned that the proposed housing would impact on flooding in the thatcham area. The increased traffic would cause a funnel effect on thatcham and the villages. Traffic congestion is already a significant issue in thatcham. There is also great difficulty accessing doctors and dentist appointments thatcham does not have the infrastructure for this size of development. There needs to be a proper consultation with GPS and thatcham development consortium on this. There is a lack of a robust plan regarding the impact on education and SEA

I believe the development could be moved to brown field sites or other locations such as Theale and Newbury
Thank you
Lauren