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I object to the plan as I find it unsound in relation to the Thatcham NE Development

I do not believe Thatcham has the capacity to absorb a further 1500 houses (minimum). 2021 Census show population of Thatcham to be 26,145 compared to Newbury's 33,841. Large scale developments are more difficult to deliver as illustrated by the delays at Sandleford Park.

Education

I believe Newbury has three secondary schools to Thatcham's one, Newbury has ten primary schools to Thatcham's five. Promises of new schools are not just bricks and mortar they have to be staffed and established, more pressure on budgets and teacher shortages. This development will not help the children of Thatcham

Healthcare

Thatcham has two doctors' surgeries to Newbury's three and there is no realistic prospect of a new GP practice being established in Thatcham or West Berkshire. Kennet Primary Care confirms that there is no plan in place to manage structural changes that would need to occur for this scale of new development. This development will not help struggling Primary Care provision in Thatcham.

You would have to conclude that Newbury is far better placed to absorb large scale developments than Thatcham with Sandleford and expansion of the site at Donnington adjacent to Vodafone HQ, or even Grazeley Reading.

In relation to topography of the proposed NE Development, it will not easily reduce car use and aid use of public transport, and it will have negative impacts on the environment and green spaces between Thatcham and Upper Bucklebury.

My fear is if it does go ahead we will see unrealistic promises from developers with underfunding by the authorities, with the local communities left to live with the consequences.