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To the Planning Department,

I have attached a word document as I feel you really haven't made it easy for the general public to raise their concerns on the required form.

I hope you consider my points as I have lived in Thatcham for 31years and Newbury since I was 4 years old!

Regards

Kirsty Anderson

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Name: Kirsty Anderson

I'm completed a word document as you haven't made the process to raise my concerns about building 2500 in NE Thatcham very easy!

Concerns Regarding the NE Thatcham Development

I am extremely concerned about the proposed development of 2,500 homes in NE Thatcham and the lack of infrastructure to support such a large expansion.

Infrastructure Issues:

Thatcham's current infrastructure is already under significant strain. Our roads, railway station, doctors' surgeries, schools, pharmacies, sewage system, shops, and parking facilities—both in the town centre and at the railway station—are struggling to cope with existing demand. The station and roads are already congested, and this development will only make matters worse. It is unclear how the council expects to manage the increased traffic when we already face long queues just to reach the station in the mornings. From what I can see, the planning does not include a proper traffic assessment to address these concerns.

I have lived in Thatcham for 31 years and have always loved being part of this community. However, if the NE Thatcham development goes ahead in its current form, I will be forced to leave. The scale of this proposal is simply too large for the town to handle.

I urge the council to address these critical infrastructure concerns before proceeding with this development and reduce the size of the development to a more realistic level.

Kirsty Anderson