

Comment Receipt

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Do you support the preferred approach that the focus should be on the Newbury/Thatcham Urban Area and on the Eastern Urban Area of the district?	Object

Please indicate your reasons, and if you are objecting, please indicate what change you are seeking which could resolve your objection?

The Newbury, Thatcham and "Eastern Area" have taken the brunt of housing development in recent years. Thatcham and Newbury are in danger of becoming one conurbation and are losing their separate identities.

The proposals for the "Eastern Urban Area" (horrible term) would cause Theale to effectively become amalgamated with Tilehurst and Calcot, thus becoming part of Greater Reading and losing its identity. Some of the proposal for the east would potentially have a similar effect on Pangbourne.

Brownfield sites will soon become available at:

- . Dennison Barracks, Hermitage
 - . Agricultural Research Centre, Compton
- as they are due to close in the next few years. Since they have established uses, they will be re-developed in any case. It would be better if they were developed for housing, rather than offices, warehousing or distribution (the likely uses give their proximity to the M4 and A34). West Berkshire is a net importer of labour - we do not need any more employment-generating sites.

Which location would you support?

Which of the following options do you support to accommodate growth in the Eastern Urban Area?