



Chiltern Vale  
Residents Association

Dear Thame Town Council,

Members of the CVA (Chiltern Vale Association), many of whose properties back on to the Cuttlebrook fields feel very strongly about the near 1 metre high, 10's of metres in length and depth, pile of mud that had been dumped within a few metres of their homes.

Our residents/members that chose to live there to enjoy the open, airy natural beauty of the fields now look out on a man-made, sad, brown and dark lunar-like landscape.

They have lost their privacy as already, within a few weeks, people are now climbing up the pile, walking across it and looking down directly into homes.

The residents also have security concerns. People, now look down into their homes, using the cover of the pile to gain unseen access to the properties. As a result of the above points this excessive pile of mud has seriously and adversely affected some of the resident's mental health.

Not only has this work had the human effect described, but it also has impacted the beautiful aspect of this particular part of the Cuttlebrook fields. This area was home to natural, not planted, wild flowers, and had natural gently rolling slopes where wildlife, people and plants coexisted – without interference. . Today we have an unnatural pile of unnourished, claylike mud (taken deep down from the lowest point of the fields).

The unnatural contours that have been formed are now attracting dogs that run unseen between the houses and the pile and excrement is beginning to accumulate behind the properties. Residents in one property with a toddler and visiting grandchildren to a resident in another property now hesitate letting them play and run in the field as they used to.

We know the council is working hard to resolve this issue and we appreciate all the effort being put in to solving this problem. We, the CVA are also focussed on resolving this problem. Our option, and possibly the only option to pragmatically address the above issues is to remove the mud, thereby very significantly reducing the height of the pile returning the landscape to a natural slope.

On behalf of Chiltern Vale Residents Association.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Pfeifer'.

Jamie Pfeifer

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025