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**To:** "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0266  
**Categories:** Comments Received

## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 02/03/2026 12:37 PM.

### Application Summary

**Address:** Thakeham Mushrooms Storrington Road Thakeham Pulborough  
West Sussex RH20 3DY

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing buildings and the redevelopment of the site to provide 150 dwellings, including affordable housing, land for the community land trust, works to public right of way and associated landscaping, open space and infrastructure.

**Case Officer:** Sam Whitehouse

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### Customer Details

**Address:** Taceham House The Street Thakeham

### Comments Details

**Commenter Type:** Neighbour

**Stance:** Customer objects to the Planning Application

**Reasons for comment:**

- Highway Access and Parking
- Other
- Overdevelopment

**Comments:** The site in Thakeham is agricultural land and we are aware that there were interested parties in the land to continue its agricultural use as an extension to existing vineyards in the local area. There is an abundance of wildlife on the site that would be hugely impacted as their habitat would be destroyed to make way for a

landscape of tarmac and brick.

This first phase development of the site owned by Bellway is not in keeping with the character of Thakeham. Thakeham is a small rural village without infrastructure. The local children's nursery closed as it was not sustainable. There are no facilities to enable residents to be self sufficient in Thakeham with for example no substantial village shop, no pharmacy, no doctors surgery, no frequent public transport. This would mean that there would be a requirement for each adult occupant to have a car adding 300 cars and potentially 1500 to 2000 additional car journeys into and out of the village each day.

The road network in and around Thakeham cannot support this level of additional traffic with its characterful but dangerous narrow lanes and twisting roads through deep gorges and public transport is not available at a suitable level to severely reduce the level of car journeys.

Without any substantial employment in Thakeham, and without the appropriate public transport infrastructure to support new occupants getting to and from work in the local towns and villages it is clear that there is no local housing need for this development.

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Kind regards

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