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Sent: 24 September 2026 20:04
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1236

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 24/09/2026 8:04 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South of Furze Common Road Thakeham West Sussex
Proposal:	Reserved matters application for up to 28 dwellings following approval of outline application DC/23/2146 relating to, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address:	18 Furze Common Road Thakeham Pulborough
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Regarding; Reserved matters application for up to 28 dwellings following approval of outline application DC/23/2146 relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Land South of Furze Common Road Thakeham West Sussex. Our names are [REDACTED] We are the owner occupiers of Everncliffe, 18 Furze Common Road, Thakeham, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 3EG. The garden of this house is next to the farmers field you plan to build on.

I'm e mailing you, so you are aware of our objections to planning application reference number DC/23/2146.

Our objections to your build are for the following reasons:

1. Highway safety / traffic;

At the top of Furze Common Road on Storrington Road (east from Jackets Hill) there has been fatal accidents in recent history caused by a speeding drivers. This build would further increase the risk of another fatality if access to the new houses was on the east side of Jackets Hill. This is because a sharp turn left to access the road to your new dwellings would be required immediately after going east over Jackets hill. Any cars following the left turning car, not familiar with the road layout, would have to break sharply on the east side of Jackets hill. This could cause a potential two or multiple car crash. The proposed entrance road to the new dwellings is also opposite a large pond next to Abingworth hall. When there is excess rain this area is subject to flooding which can result in cars aquaplaning coming down the east side of Jackets Hill. This is hardly ideal as this would be the only entrance to the new housing estate. For this reason, we believe the build would therefore reduce highway safety and increase traffic on the east side of Jackets Hill on the Storrington Road.

2. Traffic;

Increased traffic near and around Furze Common Road during the build would be an issue. Furze Common Road is a private narrow road with restricted parking. There is not enough extra parking in this area for anyone who may need it during the build.

3. Noise / Disturbance / Loss of Privacy

We moved into our house on 29th August 2023. We decided to go ahead with the purchase when the original planning application (DC/22/0080) was rejected. The deciding factor for us when we bought our house was the tranquillity, view, security and privacy that we currently have because we back onto the farmers field that you now want to build on. Currently we don't have a fence at the end of our garden, we don't need one. Our boundary is the ditch between the end of our garden and the farmer's field. Your build would mean we would need to erect a fence to preserve our privacy and maintain our security, or would the building company erect a fence at their cost? At a minimum such a fence would cost thousands of pounds which we don't have. Even when we have a fence in place the build would result in easier access to the back of our house through the garden over a fence. Our garden is not accessible now because we back onto a private farmers field.

4. Noise / Disturbance / Loss of Privacy / Smells.

The build of 28 dwellings would take several months. During this period, we would have to put up with increased noise, disturbance, loss of privacy and smells.

5. Loss of Trees / Environmental damage.

The build would damage the environment (loss of trees) and wildlife habitats (Foxes, deer, rabbits, birds of prey). The build would also result in the loss of valuable farmland that could not be recovered. How is it possible that this build maybe allowed to go ahead given the land is greenbelt agricultural land? The UK government policy is supposed to protect this type of land and the habitats that it supports.

6. Lack of Infrastructure to support increased population in local area.

The surrounding area does not have facilities in place to meet the requirements of an increase in the local population brought about by 28 extra dwellings. The local doctor's surgery in Storrington has an up to three week waiting time to see your GP. Extra population in the surrounding area would make this situation worse.

Also has the water supply to the new dwellings been considered? Would extra dwellings have an adverse effect on the water supply and water pressure we currently receive?

7. House design and appearance.

The character, appearance and design of these houses would not complement the appearance and design of the houses currently in Furze Common Road. We also don't believe the argument that houses are required to house local families. We imagine that none of the houses being built would be affordable for local families who have lived in Thakeham

and the surrounding areas since birth.

Would the new dwellings be leasehold not freehold which would make these dwellings even less affordable.

Kind regards

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