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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1168

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/09/2026 3:41 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land North of Melton Drive Storrington West Sussex

Proposal: Outline application, with all matters reserved, for the phased development comprising: Phase 1 construction of the access road (to be delivered through a subsequent Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline Permission DC/24/2006); and Phase 2 residential development of up to 56 dwellings with associated landscaping, pedestrian and vehicular access

Case Officer: Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: 33 Downsview Avenue Storrington Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity
- Overdevelopment
- Privacy Light and Noise

Comments: This application should be refused for the following reasons.
Access.

The area where the proposed access road is situated on the western boundary is home to a colony of extremely rare Barbastelle bats and is classified as a dark area for these light sensitive bats. The movement of vehicles along the proposed access road at night will result in serious light pollution which will affect these light sensitive creatures.

The application does not provide any measures to protect this habitat as required by HRA and moreover, UK planning law states that where development plans conflict with an HRA, the HRA regulation should take priority.

The application does not comply with The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulation 2017 and should be refused.

The proposed site is the last remaining green habitat as the field is joined on the eastern and western boundaries by The Croudace and Marshall developments and the addition of a further 56 dwellings will mean that the last remaining area for wildlife, which is already to be squeezed into this field, will be lost for ever.

The total of 124 dwellings already in construction or approved in the Croudace and Marshall developments plus the 56 houses in this application makes a total of what amounts to a new small village bolted onto one very small part of Storrington whilst destroying the last remaining green space.

Storrington simply cannot absorb this kind of dense development in a single small area and it will lead to horrific problems on adjoining roads as a large number of vehicles will need to access the junctions of Fryern Road/ School Hill/ Thakeham Road, which are frequently congested even before the Croudace and Marshall developments are taken into account.

Storrington itself is constantly congested and the air quality is well documented as being very poor and more traffic using School Hill and the High Street will make matters worse and also affect the many elderly people with breathing problems who need to access the shops.

The two car parks are already frequently full even before the additional vehicles from the 124 Croudace/ Marshall dwellings have to find parking spaces.

GP services are already working flat out without the Croudace/ Marshall additions and will in total be faced with accommodating up to 500 more patients.

There are so many negatives regarding this application and no positives and the question should be asked if there is such a need for housing, why are the newly built Croudace homes already being reduced in price and why has construction virtually stopped as the houses are not selling.

Existing residents of Melton Drive / Downsview Avenue and Aldermore Avenue have experienced extreme inconvenience and noise during the Croudace development as parking for workers vehicles could not be accommodated on site and their vehicles were left outside the houses of residents for many months which is unacceptable and whatever happens to this application, it must be clarified that should development take place, no on street parking should be permitted.

Storrington has taken extensive development over recent years and planners should look elsewhere for more acceptable sites and I strongly object to this application.


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Kind regards

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