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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/19/2464
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 09/09/2024 3:11 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Berkeley Homes Development Site Worthing Road Southwater RH13 9BT
Proposal:	Erection of 94 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping at Land West of Worthing Road (Phase 5), Southwater
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: The Chase Shaws Lane Southwater Horsham West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	1. Objection to the location and height of the mound in the Southwestern corner of the phase 5 site. The proposed 2m height and site of this mound opposite our farm entrance poses a security and privacy threat to our property if people can climb it. It also runs the risk of increasing the flooding in this area of the site,

which already has poor drainage and it naturally very boggy in wet weather. Ideally the mound should be removed, or at least lowered so our property cannot be overlooked, noise cannot travel so far, and the flood risk is reduced. Planting native bushes and trees on any mound, and along the historic Shaw's Lane boundary, will prevent people from accessing the area. This will remove the security threat from people viewing into our property and causing noise disturbance. This would also be good for providing habitat for the local wildlife who have lost much of their original environment to the development.

2. Objection to the removal of 6.5m of hedgerow and trees either side of the footpath 1652. The footpath entrance onto Shaw's Lane is directly opposite our driveway. The removal of such a large amount of the historic hedgerow will hinder our privacy and security. It will also damage the countryside character and appearance of Shaw's Lane, and unnecessarily disrupt the natural environment. We ask for improved screening of this footpath, particularly whilst the hedgerow is recovering from creating the footpath entrance. We also request that the pathway has suitable barriers to prevent motorbikes and cyclists using the footpath to access Shaw's Lane.

3. Concern about the light pollution from the streetlamps and from the new houses. This will destroy the countryside character and appearance of Shaw's Lane and be a disturbance to the local wildlife and neighbours. We ask for the street lighting on the Shaw's Lane boundary to be switched off during the early hours of the morning to prevent disruption to wildlife. We also request that fitting floodlights to the house frontages or garages is prohibited to minimise light pollution. We also request that the site's historic boundary with Shaw's Lane is planted up with additional native hedgerow plants to thicken it all year around and to improve the screening.

4. Furthermore, we just wish to reiterate our drainage and landscaping concerns as highlighted in our letter from 31 December 2019, as recorded against this planning application. Last winter demonstrated the harm global warming is causing us as we experience prolonged wetter weather. The site of Phase 5 has a higher elevation than some of its boundary neighbours, particularly on the Shaw's Lane side. There is great concern that the runoff from all the new houses will cause flooding of neighbouring property and farmland. There is a very active land drain near the entrance of footpath 1652 onto Shaw's Lane. If the ecological zone is extended along the whole boundary with Shaw's Lane with more trees, this will help to protect the historic hedgerow boundary, retain water in scrubland rather than mown lawns and screen the development better from noise and light pollution.

Kind regards