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Sent: 16 September 2026 18:47:01 UTC+01:00
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 16/09/2026 6:47 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. (AMENDMENTS INCLUDING AMENDED PLANS, SITE LOCATION PLAN AND RED LINE BOUNDARY)
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address: The Pitons High Bar Lane, Thakeham Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	As a local resident I wish to alert the Planning Department to a serious procedural issue regarding the consultation response for application DC/26/0266 (Thakeham Mushroom Farm), following the Extraordinary Meeting of Thakeham Parish Council on

Tuesday 15th September 2026.

I attended this meeting as a member of the public. During the proceedings, the Parish Clerk presented a negotiated community benefits package to the five councillors in attendance. The Clerk explicitly stated that this package was strictly conditional on the Parish Council submitting a "No Objection" response to the August modifications, and that if the Council voted to object, the developer would take the deal off the table.

Following this statement, the Council voted 4 to 1 to submit a "No Objection" response.

As a witness to this meeting, it was entirely clear that the majority vote was secured through developer leverage and financial/asset inducement, rather than an objective evaluation of the material planning merits or infrastructure harms of the August modifications. This constitutes clear predetermination and a closed-mind approach to a statutory consultation.

I request that Horsham District Council treats the forthcoming "No Objection" submission from Thakeham Parish Council with extreme caution, and discounts it as a reflection of independent local planning opinion.

Kind regards

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