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I am writing to express my views on the above application from Bellway

I strongly object to the proposed development of the Mushroom Farm site in Thakeham. The application is not compliant with the Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan, which carries legal weight until 2031, and therefore fails to respect the agreed vision for sustainable local growth. Furthermore, the scale of the proposal represents clear overdevelopment of a small rural village that already lacks adequate infrastructure in terms of education, healthcare, and transport, putting it at odds with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024. This concern is compounded by the cumulative impact of recent developments, with several sites already approved, meaning this proposal would significantly increase housing numbers beyond what the village can reasonably support. In addition, the development would lead to a substantial rise in traffic, placing further strain on already pressured and potentially unsafe road junctions, with heavy reliance on car journeys and limited viable alternatives. Taken together, these factors demonstrate that the proposal is unsustainable, contrary to established planning policy, and detrimental to the character and functionality of the local community.

Yours sincerely,

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