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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0912
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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 03/07/2026 6:51 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Rushfields High Bar Lane Thakeham West Sussex
Proposal:	Variation of condition 3 of previously approved application reference DC/20/2577 (Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 25 residential dwellings including vehicular access, landscaping, parking and other related works) amending the wording to vary water usage limit.
Case Officer:	Stephanie Bryant

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Customer Details

Address:	Deevona High bar lane Thakeham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Objection to Application DC/26/0912 - Rushfields, High Bar Lane, Thakeham I strongly object to the proposed variation of Condition 3 because the existing water usage restriction formed an important part of making this development acceptable. Weakening or changing that

safeguard without compelling evidence would be contrary to the public interest.

West Sussex is recognised as an area under severe water stress, and the Arun Valley has well-documented water neutrality concerns due to the impact of abstraction on internationally protected habitats. Any increase in water consumption from this development risks adding to existing pressure unless the applicant can demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt that there will be no additional impact.

As a resident of High Bar Lane, I have significant concerns about the cumulative impact of multiple developments in this area. The Council has already acknowledged concerns regarding the combined effects of developments on High Bar Lane, including drainage, infrastructure and water issues. These cumulative impacts must be considered rather than assessing this application in isolation.

Before any variation is approved, the applicant should be required to provide:

An updated independent water neutrality assessment.

Evidence that the revised wording will not increase overall water demand.

Confirmation from the relevant statutory bodies that there will be no adverse effect on local water resources or protected habitats.

A full assessment of the cumulative effects alongside nearby approved and proposed developments.

Local residents should not bear the consequences of weakening planning conditions that were imposed to mitigate recognised environmental impacts. In the absence of robust evidence that the revised condition will maintain or improve the existing level of protection, the application should be refused.

Kind regards

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