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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 18/03/2026 9:08 AM.

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.
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address: Garwood, The Linfields Linfield Copse Thakeham, Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Overdevelopment
Comments:	This planning proposal is not compliant with the Thakeham Neighbourhood plan which has legal stature until 2031. There has already been overdevelopment of this small rural village at the Abingworth site, with 4 other planning sites already approved for approximately a further 180 homes being built; this additional proposal would mean an increase of 330 homes, and that is only taking into account Phase 1 with no clear plan for the remaining

land from Bellway. The local infrastructure is inadequate for the amount of development including education, health and transport, meaning a huge increase of traffic through the village where the Planning inspector has recognised how dangerous the North and South cuttings and road junctions are. The only viable transport is by car. Further to these points, is the undeniable ecological impact this development would have on endangered bird species such as Linnets and Black Redstarts as well as many other animal species. As we have seen by the huge success at Knepp, rewilding can bring huge benefits for wildlife and humans alike; it would be far more responsible for the unused land on the site to be gifted to the village for this reason.
For the reasons above , I strongly object to this application.

Kind regards

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