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My objection to this planning proposal is mainly that Thakeham and Abingworth already have a full quota of new housing developments and the 4 sites (180 properties) already approved bear witness to the indiscriminate sites being approved, particularly the site with poor access at Champions Farm. The access for this one baffles me, as the track is narrow and imposes on the two properties that have been there for at least 100 years, but is a good example of what nonsense can be pushed through.

The overdevelopment that Bellway wants to bullishly attain goes directly against the National Planning Policy (NPPF) 2024, as this village has inadequate local infrastructure, health provision, and transport .

The Neighbourhood Plan which was laid out and fought for with much thought for the future of us all has legal stature until 2031.

The negative ecological impact to the local wildlife would be extreme. I have experience of this as my house is directly affected and overlooked by properties built by Oakford Homes , the layout of which was in complete contrast to the plan we were presented with.

I have lived in my house for 35 years and until our rural area was blighted by Oakford and the developers behind it, was home to a wide variety of wildlife including house martins, bats , [REDACTED] and owls, some of which have been reduced or disappeared without their old habitat.

There is already heavy traffic on Storrington Rd and the pinch points that are in place make it worse. Our roads through Thakeham are country lanes and not suitable for more cars, delivery vans etc.

Britain, as we are becoming increasingly aware needs to rely more heavily on growing our own food. This land at the mushroom farm could be sold to several young farmers and nursery men for such a purpose. We could then have a co-operative development as accommodation would be required for workers but not the 150 in the first phase followed by 600 in the future.

Simple greed is behind this proposed development, so we implore HDC to stand with our villages and those who live in them. The Developers are not local. We need people in planning and development who are passionate about West Sussex and our fast-disappearing countryside, people who are serious about working for and with us.

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