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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 19/03/2026 9:18 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.
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address:	Badgers Lodge The Street Thakeham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I strongly object to the planning application to build 150 homes in Thakeham, for the reasons set out below: 1. Lack of suitable roads for an increase in traffic. The roads into the village are sunken lanes and extremely narrow in places

making it difficult for lorries and large vehicles to pass. These roads are in a very poor state of repair with lots of pot holes and the edges of the road, particularly at Jacketts Hill, have subsided due to rainwater continuously running down the hill. With an additional 150 homes there is likely to be another 300 cars, plus visitors and delivery lorries to the new homes. The increased traffic in the village will certainly make the roads more dangerous and therefore more accidents.

2. Lack of cycle path and footpaths out of the village. It is not possible for children to walk to school safely, as the footpath stops just before Abingworth Hall. Thakeham Primary School is located out of the main village on Rock Road. It is even more dangerous for cyclists as the roads are narrow, with many bends and hills.

3. There is no pedestrian crossing in the village, how will residents particularly children safely cross the road from the proposed new development on the west side to the shop and children's playground on the east side.

4. Limited public bus service. There is an extremely limited bus service in the Thakeham (one bus per day Mon - Fri) making it essential for residents to have a car to get to work, school, shopping, doctors and other services.

5. No employment. There is very little employment in the village therefore residents must travel to other towns for work which adds to the traffic congestion through Storrington (with its already high air pollution) and at the A24 Washington roundabout.

6. Lack of Facilities/Amenities. More homes and residents in Thakeham will place greater reliance on amenities in Storrington for school places, doctors, dentists. There is no state secondary school nearby, the nearest ones being in Billingshurst or Stenning.

7. Increased Light Pollution. With an additional 150 homes there will be increased light pollution in Thakeham, being a rural village with very limited street lights we enjoy a dark sky policy, which also protects and reduces disruption to our local wildlife.

8. The rural village of Thakeham has already taken more than its allocation of new homes with recent developments at Abingworth, High Bar Lane, Furze Common and a further application for 109 homes at the Thakeham Tiles site.

Kind regards

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