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Please find below my response to the planning application from Bellway Homes for the redevelopment of the mushroom farm site.

I have serious concerns about overdevelopment of Thakeham. There are already four approved plans for around an additional 180 homes in the hamlet. This is not appropriate for a rural setting.

I understand that this proposal is not compliant with the Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan- which has legal stature until 2031.

The road system is inadequate for the current levels of vehicular movements - let alone with an additional c 225 vehicles associated with new residents.

The road system would also be under severe pressure in the short to medium term when the site is being cleared and building taking place. Two large vehicles cannot pass safely on these narrow, sinuous roads - it is difficult enough when a car meets a large vehicle.

There are insufficient local services for more residents. Local schools and health services are under pressure already.

There no safe routes for people to walk / cycle to Storrington or local schools from Thakeham. The only route requires a large detour via West Chiltington.

I am concerned about the adverse impact on the natural environment; continuing pressure on water management, destruction of habitat for native insects, birds and mammals ( including red listed species), intrusion of night time light in the vicinity of a dark night skies reserve ( and consequent impact on nocturnal animals), loss of mature trees.

Concerns about the use of the remainder of the mushroom farm site - and the lack of any covenants / conditions to protect it as open, natural space ( and avoid a phase two or three of building).

Thank you.

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