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Dear sirs

Regarding planning reference DC/26/0266, I would like to make the following comments, as a Thakeham resident:

The site in question, previously a mushroom farm, has been derelict for a while. However Thakeham has in recent times had quite a lot of development already and Bellway's proposal is not in keeping with the Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan. Very small developments might be sustainable but the scale of the Bellway proposal would put a significant, perhaps unacceptable, additional strain on the local infrastructure. Also what guarantee do we have that the proposal, if accepted, might not at some point be modified to increase substantially the number of dwellings involved? Bellway have a track record in this regard.

Road access to the village is quite narrow, via two deep cuttings to north and south, and already the source of regular traffic near-misses, especially with goods vehicles. Public transport offering is meagre so most journeys will be undertaken by private car, adding to this problem. Expansion of the village to any great extent should include a much improved road access.

There is no safe route for pupils to walk or cycle to school.

The village entirely lacks medical facilities.

Thank you for your attention.

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