

Mushroom Farm Site Planning Objection 20.3.26

I fundamentally object to this application on the following points:

- Thakeham is a small rural village which has been subject to a lot of recent development, and with several planning applications for housing already approved.
- The proposed development by Bellway is vast, and out of character for this small village. 150 homes initially, but with a near certainty of future applications, on what is a very big site.
- There is already pressure on the local infrastructure, particularly the main road through the village. This road is not wide enough and in good enough condition to take the construction traffic necessary to demolish the existing buildings, conduct necessary earthworks, and then to construct new houses. It is almost impossible for lorries/buses travelling in different directions to pass each other, let alone the danger to other road users. The consequent increase in traffic during construction, and once the development is built would be considerable, and would put intolerable stress on an already inadequate local road network.
- The demand for school places, health care and other local services is already stretched, and so the construction of yet more homes is going to place an intolerable extra burden on these.
- The environmental impact of this development on the edge of the South Downs National Park is going to be very serious, not only in terms of both the flora and fauna in the area, but also in terms of the extra water demands on, the already under strain, Arun Valley River Basin.