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Sent: 04 July 2026 13:03
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0945

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 04/07/2026 1:02 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Abingworth Nurseries Storrington Road Thakeham West Sussex
Proposal:	Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/22/0773 (Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/19/1707 (Revised layout for Phase 3 of the Abingworth Meadows development (Original application ref: DC/10/1314) to provide for 75 dwellings including 26 affordable dwellings and community studio workshops). Amendment to buffer strip to reflect an additional swale with landscaping (part retrospective).
Case Officer:	Jason Hawkes

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Customer Details

Address:	4 Strawberry Close Thakeham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	Dear Sirs, Last year Bellway devised and installed a workable surface water management scheme [swale] that protects all residents in Strawberry Close. This was done under the approval of HDC and endorsed by WSCC LLFA. I was thus happy in the knowledge that I was finally properly protected from surface water run-off, which was made significantly worse by the building of the Bellway homes. Much to my dismay, I now understand that a retrospective planning application is now required for the swale. I also understand there is some sort of standoff between residents and TPC over TPC's desire to put a footpath through the buffer zone. As a result, many residents appear to be objecting to the scheme. This is a dangerous situation because it would be

ridiculous for the swale to be removed for the sake of a footpath, which is not even included in the planning application. If the footpath was to be built, there would be ways to mitigate privacy concerns for affected residents. In many respects this issue is largely down to the intransigence within TPC, and I request HDC discuss this issue with TPC before any unexpected consequences occur.

It is almost a British obsession to challenge any application from developers, but on this occasion, Bellway have spent a lot of time and money to protect residents from surface water run-off and I applaud them. [REDACTED] it is imperative that the surface water management system implemented by Bellway is approved and therefore I wholeheartedly support this planning application by Bellway.

Owner of 4 Strawberry Close

Kind regards

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