



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Thakeham Mushrooms, Storrington Road, Thakeham
DESCRIPTION:	
REFERENCE:	DC/26/0266
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: I raise no objection to the proposal.	

MAIN COMMENTS:

Dear Sam,

My view remains as before in regard to application DC/24/0021. I have amended my previous comments to reflect the revised proposal.

The accompanying Heritage Statement is a comprehensive document. I agree with the decision to focus on those heritage assets that may be affected by the proposed development. The development site is adjacent to Thakeham conservation area. I accept the two will not be intervisible due to the topography and mature tree belt along the south west edge of the c.a. However, increased noise, light and perceived activity expected from suburban development could undermine the tranquillity of the historic village core and cause harm to the character of the c.a. However, I am satisfied there is an adequate amount of distance to ensure clear separation between the new development and the historic village. I am satisfied the latter will be experienced without visual or audible interference from the new development. I am satisfied there will be no harmful impact to the character of the conservation area and this character will be preserved..

I am also conscious of non-designated assets in the vicinity, particularly Old House Farm on High Barn Lane. The Heritage Statement includes a description of Old House and its significance. I am satisfied the proposal maintains a degree of physical separation between the historic farmhouse and the new development. This will allow the historic building to continue to be experienced as separate from the surrounding residential development and allow some appreciation of the historic character of Abingworth as a rural hamlet surrounded by agricultural land.

The development includes open space to the north and the west. These parcels of undeveloped land to be used as recreational space and a community orchard will mitigate some of the impact of the proposed development on the adjacent heritage assets.

Regards,
Seán

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

NAME:	Seán Rix
DEPARTMENT:	Conservation
DATE:	07.09.26