# THAKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION COMMENTS

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| **TO:** | Horsham District Council – Planning Dept |
| **SITE ADDRESS:** | Danfield, Harbolets Road, West Chiltington RH20 2LQ. |
| **PROPOSAL:** | Retrospective application for a 5m x 11m outdoor swimming pool (Certificate of Lawfulness - Existing) |
| **REFERENCE:** | DC/24/0730 |
| **RECOMMENDATION:** | STRONG OBJECTION |

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:**

Thakeham Parish Council (TPC) STRONGLY OBJECTS to the application due to a lack of information regarding the proposal and a failure to produce adequate Water Neutrality information and plans to mitigate the swimming pool's impact.

**MAIN COMMENTS:**

TPC contends that the proposal does not meet the current standards required – not only for a CLE – but for the placement and maintenance of a swimming pool.

Although there was no original objection, in light of issues with Water Neutrality and planning regulations – the application should have been more detailed and provided appropriate measurements and drawings.

Swimming Pools require a certain amount of backwashing waste. For a pool of this size, there should be an allowance of ½ cubic meters of water loss per week. The backwashing should have a soakaway on site of 6m2.

There has been no indication of where this facility is to be sited on the application.

Furthermore, there neds to be a consideration of the potential draining and cleaning of the pool. This should be happening at least once per year to meet H&S requirements.

For a swimming pool of this size, you will be looking at 82,500 litres of water to fill.

This is an equivalent of a 2 person household usage of water per annum.

TPC can see no Water Neutrality documents to state how the emptying and filling of such large volumes of water will be offset.

**ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:**

TPC have concerns that the submission of the application in its current form is slightly disingenuous due to the lack of information the applicant has completed and with the omissions that have been made.

TPC would request that HDC scrutinise this application further before making any decisions and request information on a soakaway and demonstration of Water Neutrality before granting of any certification.

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| **NAME:** | A.Brown (Parish Clerk) |
| **DATE:** | 11.06.2024 |