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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1168
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 30/08/2026 12:32 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Melton Drive Storrington West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for the phased development comprising: Phase 1 construction of the access road (to be delivered through a subsequent Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline Permission DC/24/2006); and Phase 2 residential development of up to 56 dwellings with associated landscaping, pedestrian and vehicular access
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address:	16 Melton Drive Storrington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping

Comments:

Overdevelopment

The concurrent Reserved Matters application (DC/26/0972 for 62Dwellings) means that there will be 117 extra dwellings in what was Green Gap Countryside. The Photos in the Design and Access Statement (P10&11 Fig4&5) show pictures of the field as it exists today. It's a lovely rural setting and why spoil such a Location with a scattergun approach to planning. There must be other sites in the Horsham District that would be more appropriate and help strategic growth more efficiently. It should remain as a green gap to break up the Croudace and Mathews Homes developments and allow nature to thrive as part of Storringtons Rewilding plans.

Design

The proposals seek to build 56 Dwellings of two storeys up to eaves Height. This leaves the development open to building out loft space which would make the builds too high and visible from the Ridge north of this development ,just like the impact that similar properties on the Croudace development have had. Town houses should not be built in rural settings!

As a result of the slopping topography to the north the plan has been pushed south which makes parts of it very densely designed.

Highway Access and Parking

Potentially there could be 234 extra vehicles at peak times entering Fryern Road from the combined developments. The proposal to place width restrictors is most welcome and justifiable for existing vehicle volumes to slow vehicles down. Nose to tail this represents a queue of well over half a mile of extra traffic. The A 283 which runs through Storrington suffers from huge volumes of traffic from East and West Sussex acting as a quicker route than the A27. So an extra half mile of traffic is not insignificant and Storrington does not have that many job opportunities so extra commuting will be a feature. Although Storrington has some shops wider range retailing is about a 20/30 minute journey away. Soon there will no longer be a secondary school in Storrington and students will need to travel to Steyning .

with regards to walking into Storrington much is made of PROW route further south on Fryern Road. This is a heavily overgrown path with a soil surface and is unsuitable in Summer due to vegetation growth and very muddy during winter. The Pavement less route further south is the only other option and is dangerous due to not being wide enough for footpaths. . It needs to have a traffic control system allowing one way at a time ,and hatched road areas for pedestrians.

Finally the path leading from This development onto the Mathews Homes development needs review as at present there are properties proposed and a LAP where it enters this site. Unless it will be forced through the woodland that immediately abuts my garden which I would oppose.

Privacy Light and Noise

Co existence with a further 117 properties or 585 people(based On Mathews Homes estimates of people per dwelling) will have an impact on the peace and quiet we enjoy from the rural setting that we moved here for. Measures need to be taken to minimise this .

Other/ Landscaping

No mention is made of the colony of Barbastelle Bats that roost in the East/West Wantley area or the badgers that live in this area. In the concurrent Reserved Matters application(DC/26/0972) the applicant clearly States that the boundary that separates the Mathews Homes field and the eastern field shall comprise of Heathland and Bramble scrub plus any existing trees and will be a 12 m wide Dark Corridor for bats plus a 20 m badger protected zone. The buffer is specifically designed also as a natural screen to soften incursion into the green gap and to protect the rural settings of the listed historic farmsteads. The proposed access road will completely break this area up and mean that the developer cannot meet these goals. This access road should not be used in this location

Kind regards

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