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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0266
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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 14/03/2026 7:39 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Thakeham Mushrooms Storrington Road Thakeham Pulborough West Sussex RH20 3DY
Proposal:	Demolition of existing buildings and the redevelopment of the site to provide 150 dwellings, including affordable housing, land for the community land trust, works to public right of way and associated landscaping, open space and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address:	Amberley Cottage The Street Thakeham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	The application for 150 houses leaves a large amount of adjacent land which raises concern that this is a phase 1 application. The only way to mitigate this is to transfer the remaining land to the Parish Council for a nature reserve.

This application is unsuitable because Thakeham is a small village with no real Public transport therefore all households will require to use cars to access education, healthcare, work, leisure activities and shopping. This will be around 300 extra cars on roads that are already in a poor state of repair. Many journeys will pass through Storrington which already suffers from poor air quality due to queuing traffic through the High Street.

Sadly due to the rural nature of the roads which have bends, hills and few pavements there is no realistic opportunity to cycle or walk especially for children.

Over development

Thakeham has already seen a huge increase in population with The Abingworth Development and in addition several other applications for a substantial number of houses in the village have been granted along with others bordering the village all trying to access the same limited resources.

Education and Healthcare

The local schools and Doctors are all under pressure from the increased population.

Light Pollution and wildlife

Every additional house causes light pollution which is to the detriment of the wildlife. The proposed site not only has a great variety of wildlife but is also horticultural land which should be used as such.

Water and drainage

There have been surface water flooding issues especially since the Abingworth Development and building more properties in addition to changing climate conditions causing heavy rainfall is surely creating the perfect storm. A flooded house causes many more problems than a flooded field but destroying the countryside and more hard standing limits where the water can go.

Southern Water has had to limit water usage due to drought.

Whilst the new houses have some proposed water saving features these may be changed by the homeowners in due course and there will still be more pressure on a finite resource.

I strongly object to this application.

Kind regards

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