THAKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION COMMENTS

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
SITE ADDRESS:	Oakwood Farm, Storrington Road, Thakehan RH20 3QT
PROPOSAL:	Erection of kiosk for use to sell produce from Oakwood Farm (Retrospective)
REFERENCE:	DC/24/1698
RECOMMENDATION:	OBJECTION

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

Thakeham Parish Council (TPC) Objects to the application as they feel a deferment is in order so WSCC Highways and HDC can arrange a site visit (please see reasons listed below).

MAIN COMMENTS:

Thakeham Parish Council (TPC) met and discussed the above application on 28.01.25.

TPC would like to go on the record to support efforts made to provide sustainable food and grocery sales, however having had the benefit of seeing the site in hindsight (this is a retrospective application and thus – the finished structure is already in place), TPC have seen the issues with regards to roadside safety first hand and cannot support the application site in its current format.

TPC feels it is important to note and requests that the LPA ensure that WSCC Highways revisit the report they submitted.

The Highways report says that the officer made no visit to the area and only based their decision on the drawing provided.

The drawing is not to scale and does not demonstrate the full issues that TPC have with the site.

The location is on a busy stretch of main highway. The applicant has not provided enough area for one car to safely enter and then turn the vehicle around. Let alone multiple vehicles.

This has led to cars pulling up on the main road and not entering the site.

TPC commissioned a traffic survey last year that demonstrated that the road is the busiest section in Thakeham and also the fastest with over 50% of the vehicles using the road – regularly driving in excess of the speed limit. A copy of the report is submitted along with this one and is readily available on the Parish Council website.

Given that the parking needs to be enlarged to move the cars from the road and into the site – TPC cannot support until this requirement has been met.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

TPC request a deferment of the application until a new review of the site and turning facilities has taken place.

TPC would be happy to review their recommendation afterwards.

NAME:	A.Brown (Parish Clerk)
DATE:	28.01.2025