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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0945
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/07/2026 12:07 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Abingworth Nurseries Storrington Road Thakeham West Sussex
Proposal:	Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/22/0773 (Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/19/1707 (Revised layout for Phase 3 of the Abingworth Meadows development (Original application ref: DC/10/1314) to provide for 75 dwellings including 26 affordable dwellings and community studio workshops). Amendment to design and layout of houses at plots 42-75) to reflect an additional swale within the landscaping (Retrospective).
Case Officer:	Jason Hawkes

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Customer Details

Address: 4, Springett Close Thakeham Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I strongly object to the planning application. The plans attached to this application do not match the reality of what Bellway has implemented. The hedging shown in the

drawings is incorrect/does not match what has been planted. Most of the landscaping currently planted is not of the correct type and has been left to die or be taken over by weeds.

The buffer zone to the rear of Springett Close containing the swale is to be left open at either end in this plan. This will allow members of the public to access the area. With the topography of the land to the rear of Springett Close rising this will directly impact the privacy of residents. Members of the public will be able to see directly into the gardens and the rear facing living areas of the houses. To the rear of my own property anyone in the buffer zone can be seen from the waist up above the fence line and likewise this allows them to look down into our garden and house with clear, close and unobstructed views. I will send photographs to support this statement via email.

This would amount to an infringement of Article 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998, namely the right to peaceful enjoyment of property and Article 8 the right to a private and family life. Currently both ends of the buffer zone containing the swale and collection pond are securely fenced off preventing access but this is omitted from the plan, the plan should be amended to include this fencing. The area being open to the public will likely further damage the banks of the swale which has already suffered sloughing at the southern edge. The plan currently does not appear to reflect its own risk assessment which highlights safety concerns and risk to the public.

I would also like to highlight Thakeham Parish Council's objection to the previous application DC/22/0773 which states the buffer zone should be managed for nature with no right of public access.

A further amendment to the plan DC/22/0773 is the gated access at the Hammerhead to the public footpath. Previously there was no access through the estate onto the public footpath. Residents have received written assurances this gate is not for public access and will remain locked with access to HDC employees only. This reassurance is not included in this application.

Kind regards

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