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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/19/2464
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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 10/09/2024 12:03 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Berkeley Homes Development Site Worthing Road Southwater RH13 9BT
Proposal:	Erection of 94 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping at Land West of Worthing Road (Phase 5), Southwater
Case Officer:	Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: The Chase Shaws Lane Southwater, Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Objection to the height and location of the mounds in the south-western corner. The proposed height and location of the mounds would mean that

anyone climbing up them would be able to see into the properties at Chase Lodge and Chase Farm. This would be an invasion of privacy and would compromise security. Sound would also travel from dogs barking and kids playing on the mounds, which would disturb the natural peace of the area. We experienced some problems a couple of years ago with antisocial behaviour from kids partying on our haybales in the field below causing criminal damage as they watched the sun go down, and we had to get the local police involved. We wish to avoid any kind of situation that might encourage this from happening again.

Objection to removal of 6.5m of historic hedgerow during the construction of the bridle path.

The removal of the ancient hedgerow would not only expose the entrance to The Chase farm house and threaten our security and privacy after 70 years and multiple generations of residency, but it would also destroy the synergistic equilibrium and health of the fragile ecosystem. A cost effective approach to boosting natural regeneration would be to not cut or prune the green buffer zones which will help to thicken up the hedgerows and protect us from the additional light, noise and air pollution.

Some helpful solutions to these issues include, but are not limited to, planting more trees and shrubs to:

- protect the privacy of the residents of The Chase farm and house ,
 - reduce impact of noise, air and light pollution,
 - improve drainage by absorbing extra surface water runoff
 - create wildlife habitat protected from domesticated animals,
 - increase biodiversity of the current ecosystem
 - improve air quality (trees clean the air by acting as huge air filters trapping pollutant particles, cooling the air, and emitting health-giving phytonicides, which are volatile organic compounds - VOCs - that are scientifically proven to support physical and psychological health and wellbeing),
 - help existing trees grow stronger. An unbroken line of a community of trees acts as a wind shield and shares nutrients, which protects the other trees from disease and falling during a storm
 - boost the mycelium network, which maintains tree and soil health, and filters out heavy metals from the soil
 - carbon sequestration - trees absorb the Carbon Dioxide, which helps to reduce the impacts of climate change
 - plug the gap on the top corner of Shaws Lane by the stile, where a temporary access gate was located while the land was still being cultivated. This should have been closed up and made good upon departure.
 - planting native tree species such as oak, beech and cherry will
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help to restore and revitalise the rural nature and beauty of the area.

Kind regards