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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 14/07/2026 6:29 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 buffer strip to reflect an additional swale with landscaping (part retrospective).

Case Officer: Jason Hawkes

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Customer Details

Address: 6 Strawberry Close Thakeham Pulborough West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design

Comments: Subject to the following reservations, I support this application;

The periods of heavy rainfall experienced during recent winters have demonstrated that the new swale arrangement is essential

for the effective management of surface water within the Abingworth Meadows development. The inclusion of the swale is therefore a necessary and appropriate amendment to the original approved scheme.

However, the swale requires additional planting to stabilise the steep banks, improve biodiversity, and enhance its appearance. I also question whether the outfall pipe has been installed at an appropriate height, and consideration should be given to the provision of a silt trap to reduce the risk of blockage and minimise future maintenance requirements and associated costs to residents.

Given that the swale will require ongoing inspection and maintenance, I believe that Bellway Homes should make an appropriate contribution to the future owner responsible for maintaining this area.

Continued public access through the buffer zone no longer appears appropriate on the grounds of safety and privacy, and the public should therefore be prevented from accessing the area by the installation of locked gates. This area should also continue to be managed and protected as a nature conservation area, consistent with the original development approvals.

Kind regards

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