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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 5:46 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: 15 Penn Stone Way, Thakeham Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design

Comments: If the application is dismissed in its entirety, it will leave a dangerous situation for residents in both Springett Close and Strawberry Close, both of which need protection from the water run-off from the farmland to the south which has caused large

problems in the recent past.

Last year Bellway designed and installed a surface water management scheme which was done with the approval of HDC and endorsed by WSCC LLFA which should remain for many obvious reasons.

The scheme has already proved vital for effective surface water management in Abingworth Meadows Phase 3 and for Phase 2 properties previously affected by excessive rain.

That said, the current application suggests the swale is to be left open at either end which will allow members of the public to access the area. The area should be closed to any access save for those authorised to carry out maintenance work.

Being open to the public will undoubtedly cause damage the swale, leaving local residents with the additional responsibility of rectification in addition to the already costly maintenance. Further the plan submitted does not appear to take into account section 2.2 of the risk assessment attached to the application which highlights the need to erect fencing to prevent access as mitigation of risks identified.

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

Another 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 and whilst written assurances that this gate is not for public access (and will remain locked with access to HDC employees only). Any approval of this application should contain a condition that no public access will be allowed or provided.

Kind regards

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