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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 15/07/2026 12:28 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: 2 Abingworth Crescent Thakeham Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design

Comments: I strongly agree to the retention of the swale, as built, but believe that the drawings are not satisfactory for the following reasons, which could create problems later on; especially assuming that no further drawings will be created by Bellway.

1/. The swale drawing 6/8 appears to only be a planting plan. It does not accurately reflect the as-built reality.

2/. This drawing does not show the proposed demarcation of ownership between TPC and the residents. This is particularly important at the lower end , where the spur to the main swale, coupled with the lowest basin, occupy the full width of the buffer zone. This will be relevant when future discussions on access and ownership are held.

3/. The drawing. 6/8, does not show if existing gates and chain-link fences will be removed or retained; in part or in total.

4/. Following the above, there is no plan to minimise the H&S medium risks established at the bank of the swale, by the introduction of a barrier, as described in the risk assessment document. Such measures would also help prevent the erosion of the embankment.

5/. Unlike previous plans of this area, the drawing does not show the required maintenance for the scheme. It is important to identify what costs are to be passed on to the residents.

6/. The plan 6/8 does not show any measures to reduce/eliminate the future possibility of members of the public overlooking property, particularly at the top end of the swale, where the drawing shows access to the north side of the swale; adjacent to garden fencing.

7/. The plan 6/8 does not show any provision for the retention of silt within the main basin. There already is visual evidence of silt reaching the lower end of the pipework system in place. This will eventually lead for the need for action to be taken further downstream; the cost being carried by the residents.

Kind regards

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