

Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0628/26 Reps and Consults x



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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 27/08/2026 10:23 AM from Ms Darren Reilly.

Application Summary

Address: Land Between Sword Street And Martlets Way Worthing West Sussex

Proposal: Full planning application for a mixed-use development comprising 123 dwellings and commercial floorspace together with associated parking, landscaping, open space and drainage [Land at Durrington Gasworks]

Case Officer: Giles Holbrook

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Customer Details

Name: Ms Darren Reilly

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Address: 69 Sword Street Goring Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Design
- Highway Access and Parking
- Overdevelopment
- Privacy Light and Noise

Comments: I am a resident of the existing Bellway development and have lived here since May 2025. I strongly object to the proposal to construct a further 123 homes, particularly given the proposed reliance on the existing access to the estate.

My primary concern is the significant additional volume of traffic that this development would introduce onto roads and an access arrangement that I do not believe are suitable for it.

The existing access already includes a very tight bend which is difficult with the current level of traffic. Adding another 123 homes could realistically mean well over 200 additional vehicles regularly using the estate. This is not a minor increase. It would represent a substantial increase in traffic through an estate and road layout that was not designed to comfortably accommodate it.

I live towards the very end of the existing road, in the second-to-last house. As a result, vehicles accessing the proposed development would pass directly through the existing residential area and past my home. Existing residents would therefore bear the consequences of significantly increased traffic, noise, congestion and vehicle movements every day.

Parking is already a concern within the development. Adding 123 homes, their residents, visitors and delivery vehicles without appropriate additional access and infrastructure risks making this considerably worse. The impact needs to be assessed based on realistic levels of car ownership and traffic movements, rather than simply assuming the minimum number of vehicles associated with each property.

I am also concerned about road safety. The existing tight bend and restricted road layout become considerably more problematic when substantially more vehicles are introduced, particularly when vehicles are parked on the road. The interaction between increased traffic, pedestrians, children, cyclists, delivery vehicles and construction traffic needs serious consideration.

There is also an important cumulative impact on existing residents. Bellway has not yet completed the development that residents already live on. There remain outstanding works and snagging issues, and residents have experienced extremely poor communication and customer service when attempting to have problems resolved.

Bellway should be completing its existing obligations and infrastructure before being permitted to substantially extend the development and place further pressure on it.

When I purchased my home, the expectation communicated to residents was that development would continue for approximately another two years. We are now faced with the prospect of construction activity continuing for potentially several more years. For residents who purchased homes here in good faith, that means prolonged construction traffic, noise, disruption, dust and general disturbance far beyond what we reasonably expected.

This is particularly significant for properties such as mine because of our position on the road. If the proposed development uses the existing estate as its access route, existing residents effectively become the thoroughfare for another 123 households.

I am not objecting simply because additional homes are being built. My objection is to the scale of this proposal without adequate access and supporting infrastructure, and to the consequences of routing the resulting traffic through an existing residential development which is itself still unfinished.

Before permission is granted, I believe the Council should require a thorough and realistic assessment of:

- the capacity and suitability of the existing access and road layout;
- the safety of the existing tight bend with substantially increased two-way traffic;
- realistic additional vehicle numbers and daily vehicle movements generated by 123 homes;
- the cumulative effect of existing and proposed on-street parking;
- pedestrian and cyclist safety;
- access for emergency and service vehicles;
- construction traffic and the duration of construction disturbance;
- the impact on residents whose homes will effectively sit alongside the access route to the expanded development; and
- whether an alternative or additional vehicle access should be required for a development of this scale.

In my view, adding 123 homes while relying on the existing access is simply too much for the current road layout. The development should not be approved in its proposed form without a credible solution to the access, traffic, parking and highway-safety issues it would create.

As an existing resident who experiences the current road conditions every day, I strongly urge the Council to take these concerns seriously and refuse the proposal in its present form.

Kind regards