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**To:** "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application DC/25/1327  
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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 29/01/2026 12:09 AM.

### Application Summary

Address:	Land East of Mousdell Close Rectory Lane Ashington RH20 3GS
Proposal:	Erection of 74 dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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### Customer Details

Address:	16 Hillcrest Drive Ashington Pulborough West Sussex
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### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Design</li><li>- Highway Access and Parking</li><li>- Loss of General Amenity</li><li>- Other</li><li>- Overdevelopment</li><li>- Privacy Light and Noise</li><li>- Trees and Landscaping</li></ul>
Comments:	1. Design - The proposed East of Mousdell Close, Rectory Lane site is not in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. It is completely out of sync with what this Plan worked on - too many properties in the wrong area; too many small properties, as HDC has commented,

as larger properties would be currently needed by existing Ashington households (see note on Over-development). There is NO capacity for more homes than the Neighbourhood Plan proposal within the sewage network.

2. Highway Access and Parking - this is via a narrow country lane where it can be very dangerous to try passing other vehicles, particularly large building company vehicles. Some building vehicles might be parked for the day and not allow access for other village vehicles.

3. Loss of General Amenity - Access to the countryside around the existing village houses near this proposed site would be blocked and would never be available again.

4. Other - This planning application takes no reference to the Neighbourhood Plan which has already been deliberately and carefully made by local residents.

5. Over-development - I have been advised by an Ashington resident who until recently was on the Parish Council that there are currently roughly 1000 properties in Ashington with roughly 2000 residents. With the current Neighbourhood Plan proposing 225 more dwellings, this similar calculation could mean 450 more residents which = 22% increase in Ashington residents. With this planning application Land East of Mousdell Close site proposing 74 dwellings this same calculation = 148 more residents than the Neighbourhood Plan which roughly increases that 22% to 30%! I have enquired at Ashington CofE School on their maximum number of children they can have at the School - it is 210 maximum, and they currently have 190. With the agreed Neighbourhood Plan proposing 225 dwellings already on the Chanctonbury Nursery site and the Land West of Ashington School (with no land then available to extend the school) - this would mean 450 new residents - how many of these would need Primary School places? The current remaining 20 available places at Ashington C of E Primary School would be completely filled and NO room for any more!

With the current Elivia Homes Chanctonbury Nurseries site = 74 homes and the proposed site behind Ashington Church = 150 these two total 224 homes. This East of Mousdell Close site proposes 74 dwellings meaning 3 sites total 298 dwellings which is 33% more than the Parish Plan. This is overpopulation for Ashington and must be refused.

6. Privacy Light and Noise - This proposed site has too many small properties crammed in, therefore no privacy, and too much noise with the extra residents and traffic on the narrow Rectory Lane.

7. Trees and Landscaping - This proposed site is already prone to flooding; plus it is a flood risk represented by WSCC Flood Risk Management Team. Could the Parish Council insist on NO more building on greenfield sites? With two building sites at the moment going ahead, any further expansion to the Ashington village is completely unsuitable, unsustainable and unwanted.

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Kind regards

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