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To: Planning
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 30/11/2025 3:25 PM.

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:	35 Blakiston Close Ashington Pulborough West Sussex
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Highway Access and Parking- Loss of General Amenity- Overdevelopment- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	<p>I strongly object to this proposed development taking place as it was neither referred to, identified nor allocated for development as part of the community approved Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>1. This proposal is of increasing concern, for plainly it most definitely undermines the democratic process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan that the Parish Council of Ashington and its residents strove to create.</p> <p>2. It appears that the sewage and utility problems are currently becoming overstretched and this proposed development can only exacerbate the problem. This is confirmed by Southern Water, who are already struggling and that they have seemingly confirmed that there is no capacity within the existing local sewage and drainage network.</p>

Therefore there is little doubt that any additional connections will cause overflow, pollution and potential risks to public health.

3. The only means of access to this proposed site is via Rectory Lane, which is a narrow country road. It was very evident from our conversations with the developer's at their recent 'consultation' in the Ashington Centre, that their understanding of the village and the impact the additional traffic will have was not appreciated and rather skimpy.

Therefore their projected forecast and access to and from the proposed site via this lane is definitely far from realistic and does not address the amount of extra traffic which 74 homes will generate.

Unless it is planned to widen this lane into a road, there is little doubt that it will not be able to cope with the increased volume of traffic which will undoubtedly be coming from this proposed development.

I can already see that the residents are experiencing difficulties with the considerable impact caused by the increasing number of vehicles going to and from the even larger new development currently under way at the old plant nursery further up Rectory Lane.

Indeed there has already been a serious traffic jam in the lane, not helped by constructors lorries being in the way, when a fire engine was unable to get through to an emergency within the village. It was only resolved by a fireperson getting out of the cab and having to direct traffic enabling it to squeeze through.

4. Of equal importance, there appears to be no provision, acknowledgement or any reference to additional policing by Sussex Police, who seemingly have objected to this proposed development, as they do not have sufficient resource. Of particular concern too is that our excellent GP services and the local schools will become overwhelmed as they are already at stretching point and no additional provision is referred to.

Finally, if sadly it has already been decided that Ashington will no longer be a village and will instead become a town with yet more housing estates planned for the future, then in the interests of democracy, fairness and transparency the residents should be told.



Kind regards

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