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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1186
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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 7:35 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Rectory Lane Ashington West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline Application for redevelopment of the site to provide up to 125 dwellings, access, public open space and associated landscaping, drainage and highways infrastructure with all matters reserved except access.
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address: 27 Covert Mead Ashington Pulborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I strongly believe that this scale of development is inappropriate for Ashington and would place further pressure on infrastructure and services that are already struggling to meet the needs of the existing residents. Ashington is a village, yet there appears to be a continual stream of new housing proposals and development

taking place in and around the village. The cumulative impact of these developments needs to be properly considered rather than assessing each application in isolation.

There is already significant pressure on local infrastructure.

Ashington does not have its own GP surgery or dentist, and the local primary school is a one form entry school. The school is increasingly surrounded and constrained by housing developments, leaving very limited scope to expand without taking away valuable outdoor space from the children. Adding another 125 homes would inevitably increase demand on schools, healthcare, roads, drainage and other essential services. I am concerned that the infrastructure simply cannot keep pace with the speed and scale of development being proposed.

Further development will inevitably increase vehicle movements through the village, creating congestion and increasing the risk to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. This is particularly concerning given the rural character and relatively narrow nature of many of the surrounding roads.

Ashington is a village with a distinctive rural character and sense of community. Rapidly increasing its size through large-scale housing developments risks fundamentally changing that character.

There is a significant difference between sustainable, proportionate growth and development on this scale. If the village continues to expand at the current rate, the character that makes Ashington an attractive and desirable place to live will inevitably be lost.

I am also deeply concerned about the loss of open countryside, trees and natural habitats associated with the proposed development. Fields and undeveloped land around Ashington provide important habitats and wildlife corridors. Removing these areas and replacing them with housing, roads and hardstanding will inevitably affect local wildlife and biodiversity.

I am also concerned about the potential impact on drainage and flood risk. Replacing fields and vegetation with houses, roads, driveways and other hard surfaces can alter natural drainage patterns and increase surface-water runoff.

Most importantly, I ask that the Council considers the cumulative impact of development in Ashington, rather than viewing this application as an isolated proposal.

It feels as though there is a new development or planning proposal around the village constantly. Each individual development may appear manageable when considered separately, but collectively they are resulting in a dramatic transformation of the village and placing increasing pressure on infrastructure, roads, schools and services.

There must be a point at which the capacity of the village and its infrastructure is recognised.

Kind regards

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