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To: Planning
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 26/08/2026 11:35 AM from [REDACTED]

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

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Kestrels Rectory lane Ashington

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	As a resident living directly opposite the proposed site, I have first-hand experience of the impact that development in this area is already having on residents, the local road network and the village. We have endured approximately two years of significant noise, dust, construction traffic and general disruption as a result of the Elivia Homes development.

The prospect of yet another major development immediately opposite our home is extremely concerning.

Highway Safety and Traffic

Rectory Lane is already a significant highway safety concern. As residents, we regularly witness near misses involving vehicles, and the road is subject to the national speed limit. The combination of vehicle speeds, existing traffic and the increasing number of vehicles associated with housing developments creates a serious and ongoing safety risk. The condition of Rectory Lane has also deteriorated considerably, particularly as a result of the existing development and associated construction traffic. Adding further housing and traffic to an already inadequate road would, in my view, exacerbate these problems.

The traffic figures presented by Taylor Wimpey do not reflect what residents actually experience on the ground. Anyone who lives on or regularly uses Rectory Lane can see the increasing pressure placed on the road network. The impact cannot simply be reduced to theoretical vehicle numbers when residents are already witnessing congestion, unsafe manoeuvres and near misses.

Ashington Is Already Experiencing Significant Development

Ashington is a village, and it should remain a village. It has already experienced its fair share of development, and there are currently three active building sites delivering substantial numbers of new homes.

The cumulative impact of these developments must be properly considered. It is not sufficient to assess this proposal in isolation when the village is already struggling to accommodate the additional population and traffic generated by developments that are under construction or recently completed.

There are concerns about the capacity of local services and infrastructure, including schools, doctors and other essential facilities. The village cannot simply continue to absorb large numbers of additional residents without the necessary infrastructure being in place first.

Loss of Green Belt and Agricultural Land

The proposed development would also result in the loss of an area of open land that has been farmed for many years. This is not simply an unused piece of land; it forms part of the existing character and setting of Ashington.

The continued loss of agricultural and open land to housing is particularly concerning when the village has already undergone substantial development. Once this land is built upon, it cannot be restored to its current rural character.

The cumulative effect of further development risks fundamentally changing the character of Ashington and turning a village into an increasingly urbanised settlement.

Impact on Existing Residents

Living directly opposite the proposed site means that we would be particularly affected by the development.

We have already spent the last two years dealing with the noise pollution, dust, construction activity, traffic and general upset caused by the existing development. The prospect of having another major construction project immediately opposite our home would place an unreasonable further burden on us and other nearby residents.

There must be proper consideration of the cumulative effect of successive developments on residents who are already living with the consequences of construction.

Conclusion

For all of these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed development.

Ashington does not have the infrastructure or highway capacity to continue absorbing large-scale housing development at this rate. Rectory Lane is already hazardous, the road infrastructure is already under significant pressure, and local services are struggling to keep pace with the growth that has already taken place.

The proposed development would result in the further loss of valuable open and

agricultural land, place additional pressure on an already inadequate road network, increase traffic and highway safety risks, and cause significant additional disruption to residents.

Ashington has already had its fair share of development. Enough is enough.

I respectfully ask that the planning authority gives significant weight to the concerns of existing residents, the cumulative impact of development in the village, highway safety, infrastructure capacity, the loss of open and agricultural land, and the effect on the character of Ashington, and that the application is refused

Where did you hear about this application?	Public Access
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Kind regards

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