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Sent: 15 September 2026 13:05
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1186

Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2026 1:05 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:	Firtree Cottage Billingshurst Road Ashington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to object to planning application DC/26/1186 for up to 125 houses. My family moved from Burgess Hill to Ashington around three and a half years ago because we wanted to live somewhere more rural, with countryside, open space and wildlife around us. I really like living here for those reasons and I am concerned that with so much housing now being proposed, Ashington will gradually lose that character.

My biggest concern is the extra traffic. The roads around the village are already busy and another 125 homes will mean more cars, particularly when this is added to the other developments already built or being proposed around Ashington. This will make everyday journeys in and out of the village more difficult and put more pressure on the local roads.

I am also concerned about the impact while all this development is actually being built. A development of this size will involve construction traffic and HGV movements, as well as noise and dust. If several developments around Ashington go ahead separately or one after another, residents could face years of construction activity and additional traffic. I think the cumulative impact of the construction phases should be properly considered as well as the impact once the houses are occupied.

I also don't think the village has the infrastructure for this amount of additional development. We have no GP surgery, dentist or secondary school in Ashington, so people already have to travel elsewhere for many everyday services, which itself creates more traffic.

I would also be really disappointed to see more countryside and wildlife habitat lost. One of the things I like most about living here is the open space and the amount of wildlife we see. Once countryside is built on, that space and habitat is permanently changed.

I don't think this application should be considered on its own. HDC needs to look at the combined effect of all the housing being proposed around Ashington and whether the village, its roads and its infrastructure can realistically cope with it.

For these reasons I object to DC/26/1186 and ask that the application is refused.

Kind regards

[Redacted Signature]

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