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Sent: 15 April 2023 17:14
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/23/0406

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/04/2023 5:15 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land To The West of Ashington C of E School Park Lane Ashington West Sussex
Proposal:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 180 dwellings, sports pavilion, sport pitches and allotments; with associated access, landscaping, open space and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	4 Fairfield Way Ashington
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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 object for the following reasons: 1. This development does not meet the agreed neighbourhood plan for Ashington. They propose more houses (180) which is more than what was originally agreed in the neighbourhood plan (150). 2. Water neutrality statement doesn't make sense as Bellway data extrapolated from the wrong data. We are in Southern water area, not southwest water. Also shows there's a car wash on the site which isn't correct. 3. They're not planning the flood mitigation in mill lane as agreed in neighbourhood plan. 4. Land in the neighbourhood plan was put aside for potential school expansion if needed. But in Bellway's plan it's unclear if that's there. The school is already at capacity with this year's reception class having 31 students. This new development is closer to the school than houses at the east of Ashington which means that they could be allocated a school place over people who have lived in the village for a longer time.

5. Bellway haven't made it clear exactly how they are going to keep the forest school access suitable for the children.
And also it's unclear how the forest school will be secured in the long term.
In addition, how can the forest school area be protected from the public walking in and therefore keep the children safe. If there are houses next to it, it will be easier for people to access for general walking. The school currently have sole use of the forest school area which means that they are safe from rubbish, dogs and their excrement and also away from the general public.
 6. Church lane is already difficult to pass for two way traffic with parked cars constantly on the road. It is the main entrance to the church and also the scout hut, football field, community centre and school. Therefore there is traffic at school times and also weekends. It has narrow footpaths which makes walking to school hazardous currently. Pedestrians have to walk in the road to pass each other. Cars regularly mount the low curb to park partly off the road as the road isn't wide enough, this makes walking hazardous. With up to 1000 more car journeys from the new development this is going to get worse.
 7. Access at the church from Bellway doesn't agree with highways department of WS as it hugs the church wall and doesn't have a staggered cross road. Also the junction of Church lane with Church Close currently isn't wide enough for two cars to safely pass.
 8. There are not enough facilities in the village to support more residents. We currently have to drive out of the village to access doctors etc. Washington roundabout on the A24 gets very busy which means that drivers use Rectory Lane and Park Lane to access Storrington. This road is a single track that is not suitable for a large amount of traffic and more traffic will make it even more hazardous for the walkers, cyclists and horse riders that currently use it.
 9. Where will all the cars for the new development park? The parking allocation doesn't account for these new houses being in a village with a very minimal bus service. Most residents rely on driving to leave the village which would mean multiply car ownership for the new houses.
 10. In Bellway's plan there is an attenuation basin next to a children's play park which is dangerous.
 11. With this development we will be losing our green space that surrounds our village. Green land which supports trees and wildlife and also farmland.
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Kind regards