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**From:** Planning@horsham.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 20 April 2023 11:08  
**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 20/04/2023 11:08 AM.

### Application Summary

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| 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

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| Address: | 26 Church Lane Ashington Pulborough |
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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Member of the Public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Reasons for comment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Highway Access and Parking</li><li>- Other</li><li>- Overdevelopment</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comments:            | <p>I am a local resident living on Church Lane, Ashington with 2 grandchildren who attend the local Ashington Primary school. I am very concerned about the access and highway issues to and from the proposed development site which will use Church Lane. We already experience a high volume of traffic on Church Lane during school drop off &amp; pick up and also during events at the community centre and the church. During these times which are very common, the volume of traffic creates queues due to residents parked cars on the lane meaning that only one car can pass at any time. Some of the pavements are very narrow and for school pupils walking to school, this can be very hazardous with the volume of traffic on this road and the potential of adding another 360 cars to the village, using this access is totally absurd.</p> <p>Our local highways are already in such a terrible state of disrepair that routes are becoming impassable as it is, without increasing local traffic volumes by a considerable amount.</p> <p>I have 2 grandchildren who attend Ashington CE primary. The proposed site would</p> |

significantly impact the pupils at the school who currently enjoy a comprehensive Forest school system and outdoor learning ethos which is very much a part of the school curriculum. The children use the proposed land to walk across and access the woodland, studying and discussing their natural environment and seasonal changes before reaching the woodland where they have their Forest school. Using this site would not only impact the experience of the local school children with nature but will be destroying natural habitats for many local wildlife. This is a country village which I feel will become more like a town.

The offer of the sports facilities is a poor substitute for the urbanisation of our village and are they really warranted or is it just a metaphorical carrot on a stick? Our current facilities are adequate. Billingshurst and Steyning both have sports centres and swimming pools which are within a 10 minute drive.

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Kind regards