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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/23/0406
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 31/01/2024 10:06 AM.

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, all-weather sport pitch, sports pavilion and allotments; with associated access, landscaping, open space and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	28 Meiros Way Ashington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Overdevelopment
Comments:	The development could house upwards of 500 people, living in a rural community with relatively few amenities: no doctor, dentist, supermarket etc. There is one bus route. The vast majority of existing residents rely on their own transport, and children learn to drive as soon as possible adding to the number of cars per household. There is no cohesive centre to the village, having developed around an historic London-coast road. The school is full, I believe. Where do the extra children go? Bellway do not appear to be including any amenities (shops, health centre etc) in their development aside from sports pitches and allotments. These amenities (sport/allotment) do not benefit the majority of the residents living in the development, nor the existing ones. These

amenities also appear to be as far west to the development as it is possible to go and furthest from the main London Road through Ashington. Anyone using these facilities will no doubt go by car (carrying sports equipment, allotment equipment) further compounding the weight of traffic down Church Lane. There appears to be little parking at the sports pavilion. The properties are also some distance from the shops, again, people will drive.

The route into the development comprises ONE road. Church Lane would have to deal with the influx of lorries and heavy plant etc while the development is being built. Not to mention the mud/dirt and dust nuisance to existing local residents of Church Lane and Church Close. This could take years, although I cannot find any estimated build time on their website. The access to the development/sports pitches/allotments is ONE road past the church. There appears to be no other access road to the development.

The houses appear to have limited parking, and the house frontages are pretty much on the streets, no front gardens. Excess cars and vans will no doubt be parked on the streets. Is there sufficient access for emergency vehicles, for example?

I have no doubt that Bellway will honour their promise to respect the existing landscape but with the lack of basic amenities in the village, plus the heavy reliance on private transport here and the location of this development it will not bring any advantages to the village just more traffic and competition for places at schools and GP surgeries etc

Kind regards