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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 6:48 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, 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:	9 hillcrest close Ashington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I am writing in serious objection of the proposed development by Bellway Homes of 180 properties West of Ashington C of E School. There are numerous reasons why this proposed development would be detrimental to the village of Ashington and its residents: Increased noise and air pollution - both during construction (noise and local air pollution from HGVs etc) and post construction with all the extra cars (360 if avg 2 car household national average prevails), increasing local air pollution overall (at a time when we should be decreasing/mitigating further air pollution in the stark reality of the climate crisis we all face). Increased traffic - linked to the above, London Road is already very busy at peak times as it is.

With an extra 360 cars in the area? Congested is the only result, with all the extra noise and air pollution this will bring.

Loss of green land/greenbelt and natural habitat - removal of precious trees and green space is unacceptable. The area earmarked is a home for nature, ecosystems and wild animals, all of which have already experienced significant habitat shrinkage due to housing development and village expansion over the last 2 decades. Trees, flora and fauna absorb rain and bind the soil. Paving and developing over this landscape will lead to further flood risks and strain on an already squeezed water system from enhanced runoff, especially with seasonal storms and rainfall increasing year on year due to climate change. Furthermore, the development area proposed is a vital carbon sink, essential in our battle against the climate crisis we all face.

Strain on local area amenities and services - no strategy/commitments to expand local services to cope with an extra 500 - 750 people influx into Ashington village. Where are the extra local medical/GP services? Will the local school and nurseries be expanding to cope? Bellway simply want to make their money and move onto the next destructive project and ruination of another 'village'.

Overall, based on the points outlined above, this unnecessary overdevelopment must be reconsidered and I strongly urge the Horsham District planning team and local councillors to reject the Bellway Homes proposal. Ashington is already having 74 extra homes built on the Chanctonbury Nurseries site, a further 180 would be ruinous for the village and its residents.

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Kind regards