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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
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 10/09/2026 7:01 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:	Church Farm House Church Lane Ashington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	PREAMBLE Ashington is defined by HDC as a medium village with limited

facilities.

It currently has c1100 homes.

Ashington Neighbourhood Plan allowed for the creation of 225 homes to meet local needs; a 20% increase in size.

HDC have subsequently approved a further 75 homes, taking the total to 300 approved new homes or a 27% increase.

Despite none of the 300 having been built and occupied, Taylor Wimpey have submitted an application for a further 125, which would take the total new builds to 425 or a 39% increase.

The cumulative impact of the further 125 requested will be unsustainable with no infrastructure improvements envisaged ahead of the development.

LOCAL PLAN

The 125 homes are planned for part of a site that HDC Rejected as suitable for development in their last Local Plan.

Nothing has changed, so the HDC Rejection must be carried forward as a Refusal to this application.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Ashington has a Made Neighbourhood Plan.

This site is not part of that Plan, and indeed is even outside the BUAB.

The NP must be respected and this application Refused.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS

1. Reliance on private car transport

As acknowledged by HDC, Ashington has very limited infrastructure; all key support services, such as GP surgeries are in towns that are not accessible by public transport

Lack of sustainability

2. Lack of public transport to employment areas; both routes and time schedules do not link to areas of employment

Lack of sustainability

3. Pressure on local roads that are already overloaded before the new 300 homes come on stream, and cannot cope with further increases

Lack of sustainability

4. Pressure on local primary school

The NP made expansion provision for 225 new homes; now 300 are planned; a further 125 are unsustainable

5. Local shops cannot cater for the "weekly shop" which will require using private transport to nearby towns

Lack of sustainability

6. Rejected by Local Plan

7. Conflict with Neighbourhood Plan

8. Outside BUAB

9. A 39% increase for a medium village within a short time frame is unsustainable

10. This is massive overdevelopment

Ashington has already committed to supporting 225 new homes or a 20% increase in housing through the NP; this should have been

respected by HDC before their grant of a further 75 taking growth to 300 new homes or a 27% increase; a further increase of 125 on top of the 300 MUST NOT BE ALLOWED
I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION

Kind regards

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