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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 7:17 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

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:	Ashington is a medium village with c1100 homes, and with HDC approved plans for a further 300 (as yet unbuilt).

The latest application from Taylor Wimpey homes for 125 homes would take this total to 425 or a 39% increase essentially in one hit.

No medium village can survive this scale of increase in one hit; it is unsustainable without new infrastructure of roads and community facilities like medical, shopping, education before building starts.

Indeed, the last HDC Local Plan rejected the land that Devine are proposing to build on, so clearly HDC should now follow through on their earlier assessment and REFUSE this application, because nothing has changed since their last assessment.

Further, Ashington has a Made Neighbourhood Plan for 225 houses in a location agreed by the community in conjunction with HDC, to which HDC have already added a further 75. Having ignored the NP once, HDC cannot continue to ignore it, and therefore should REFUSE this Taylor Wimpey application for a further 125.

Among the reasons for Refusing this application are:

Pressure on local roads that are already overloaded and will struggle with the 300 new builds already approved, and be impossible to cater for 425.

There are no GP surgeries in Ashington, and very limited employment opportunities, so there will be a massive increase in private car use as public transport is non-existent to neighbouring towns like Storrington and Steyning and Pulborough where the nearest medical facilities and jobs are to be found.

And where public transport does exist the schedules are so limited in time and locations that they cannot cater for jobs and medical and other needs.

Indeed, it is not possible to do a weekly shop in Ashington's village shops, and people need to use cars to get to the major supermarkets.

The local primary school is already at capacity with some villagers having to go to schools outside of Ashington, again using cars.

The neighbourhood Plan made provision for modest expansion to the school to cater for the 225 homes in the plan; it cannot cater for the 300 now approved and certainly not the 425 if the Taylor Wimpey application were to be approved.

HDC are currently reviewing their Local Plan, and any piecemeal application such as this one would be prejudicial to the emerging HDC Local Plan.

So, in summary if this application were approved it would be a massive cumulative increase that Ashington could not sustain; the site is outside the NP, rejected by the HDC Local Plan, lacking in any community benefits to mitigate the impact, lacking in public transport, increasing car usage for jobs, education, medical and

shopping needs.
I therefore strongly OBJECT; it MUST BE REFUSED

Kind regards

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