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Sent: 29 May 2023 08:36
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/23/0189

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 29/05/2023 8:36 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Sandgate Nursery West End Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9RD

Proposal: Outline application for erection of a continuing care retirement community of up to 72 units of accommodation (Use Class C2) and up to 10 starter homes (Use Class C3) with associated community facilities including medical centre and on-site laundry and catering facilities, with access, infrastructure, open space, landscaping and associated works (all matters reserved except for access).

Case Officer: Amanda Wilkes

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Customer Details

Address: 37 The Hooks Henfield

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Highway Access and Parking
- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: I wish to object most strongly to this proposal on a number of counts. First this represents yet again another endeavour to further urbanise the village, destroying its rural and historical character. Second, understandably this area was judged too valuable in ecological terms to be built upon and therefore is not included in the Neighbourhood Plan which was democratically agreed by the people of Henfield as recently as 2021. Third, the proposed loss of established trees will have a deleterious impact on the wildlife that has become established there, pushed out no doubt from previous habitats as the village's green landscape has been concreted over and built upon. We need green natural spaces not urban designs to help and maintain human well being. Fourth, the proposal is speculative in character which could lead to further overdevelopment if not prevented at this stage. Fifth and a major worry is the associated increase in traffic along a road which is extremely narrow, and access via New Station Road and Nep Town Road already causes problems for local residents due to the volume, heavy vehicles and speed. Walking along the road there is

hazardous and further development will exacerbate the danger to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike. Sixth is the issue of flooding and seventh is the impact on the architectural and archaeological heritage of Henfield. For the above reasons, I urge rejection of this proposal.

Kind regards