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Sent: 27 May 2023 17:48
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 27/05/2023 5:48 PM.

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:	3 Staples Barn Henfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
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:	When I first moved to Henfield in 1992, I purchased a property that had been built in 1950. It was described as 'Edge of the village', semi-rural, and the plan then was that Henfield would not expand beyond the Downs Link bridle path. Since then, various houses in their ones and twos or so have been constructed, culminating in the Bishop's Park development. Enough is enough. The impact on this side of the village has been immense in terms of traffic, pollution, noise, loss of wildlife habitat, light pollution, to name but a few issues. To allow this development would exacerbate these issues. Furthermore, Henfield has an ageing population, should we really be adding to it with a

retirement community that has not been thoroughly thought through? Who will own or run it? Nationally, care homes are closing down. Who will work there? Nationally there is an acute shortage of care workers. How will the residents get about the village when there are no public transport links? It is unlikely that there will be any, given that bus routes are being cut. So there will be more cars on the overstretched narrow village roads such as West End Lane or the junction of Church Street with the High street, with more pollution and noise

Henfield parish council worked hard to identify suitable sites within the parish that could be developed. They had many criteria to consider and produced a Neighbourhood plan that was acceptable to Henfield residents as demonstrated by the democratic vote results. This development was deemed inappropriate for development, so it is totally undemocratic for a 3rd party developer to ride roughshod over the majority will.

Henfield is on the edge of the South Downs national park. If the village had been smaller, it would have been in the park. The wildlife habitats in and around the village are therefore very precious. Wildlife corridors need to be maintained with the surrounding countryside in order to support these habitats. Sandgate is one of those areas.

Kind regards