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Thank you for your letter dated 1st July concerning development on land west of Ashington School.

I would like my objection to this proposal to be recorded on the following grounds:

1. Highway Safety and Traffic. In particular the frequent construction vehicle movements that will occur along Church Lane then negotiating the junction with Church Close/Foster Lane conflicting with arrival and departure of children attending Ashington First School. Further, in event this proposal were to be approved, there will be significant vehicle movements from the houses proposed which will be especially problematic if not dangerous during 'home' football matches when there are already significant pressures from 'away' side vehicles. I commend Planning Officers/Highway Safety Audit visit the site at these times to inform their decision on the proposal.
2. Impact on the Setting of the Parish Church. The proposal is insensitive to say the least given the number of vehicle movements of construction and residents' vehicles that will pass the south elevation of the church.
3. Foul Drainage. There are already unresolved regional issues which Southern Water have yet to address adequately. Further, it is a matter of record that residents in this locality have complained to Southern Water about foul drains backing up during wet weather rendering toilets, showers and sinks unusable for a number of days.
4. Ecology. There are already pressures on the ecology of the area. Martin's Swallows and Swifts are no longer seen at the back of the school. The proposal can be expected to make pressures worse and result in further losses.

I would urge Planning Officers to consider the above.

Regards,


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