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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/23/0406

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 29/06/2024 9:32 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land To The West of Ashington C of E School Park Lane Ashington West Sussex
Proposal:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 180 dwellings, all-weather sport pitch, sports pavilion and allotments; with associated access, landscaping, open space and infrastructure (amended plans)
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	Rock House Nurseries Washington
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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 - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I strongly OBJECT to this application. Firstly, the proposed 180 units are not in agreement with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan already accounts for increased units beyond the requirements identified through the survey, and yet the developers are increasing that unit number once again. This development is outside the built up area boundary, and none of the proposed development joins it. I would like to point out ALL required units identified in the Neighbourhood Plan could be delivered by the adjacent Chanctonbury Nurseries site (SA-131, already approved) and infill of what appears to be wasteland between that and Penn Gardens. Negating the need for this further large scale application at all!

Secondly, the fact that the proposed access to the site is even still under consideration is quite frankly ridiculous. The junction between Church Lane, the site, and Church Close is of a completely inadequate layout and size for the vehicles of hundreds of people, and pedestrians, to be safely navigating. Furthermore, how any plans can be approved whereby the highway is extended right up to the listed church wall is disgraceful. [REDACTED]

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The adjacent nurseries site is already delivering a significant number of new homes to the village, and Bellway have a site (Abingworth) with unsold homes within 1.7km of this proposal. Who is buying all these homes? Why are our small, historical villages being targeted for expansion and permanently changing existing residents lives?

I could go on about the nature on site (hedgehogs, bats, glow worms for some), the scheduled monument, and the other archeological findings on site / immediately adjacent of significance that are lesser known to the public, but once again the human race is demonstrating a complete disregard for anything other than its own species and the moment in time in which it exists.

I would like to draw your attention to the 'Ashington Action Group' Facebook page of villagers against this proposal, currently standing at over 450 members. Although the (minority of) villagers voted for this site via the Neighbourhood Plan, this was a number of years ago and under some duress to protect the village from adhoc development via the Horsham Local Plan (which never materialised). The village was informed that if they did not have a made plan, there would be no protection from adhoc planning applications for hundreds more homes e.g. on Billingshurst Road.

Please think about the legacy we are leaving behind, by what we are doing to our villages. It is not yet too late for Ashington.

Kind regards