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Sent: 25 January 2024 12:52
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 25/01/2024 12:53 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.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	8 Cricketers Close Ashington Pulborough
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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 - Overdevelopment
Comments:	This is the 3rd objection notice from me, apart from not wanting another 180 houses in the village on principle, there are still serious concerns over the access point into the new housing estate. Church Lane is not a viable solution and an alternative access route outside of the village MUST be considered. The data provided by Bellway on traffic numbers does not account for the increase in the volume of traffic for building and construction vehicles which are of bigger concern than the normal cars that will be accessing once the houses have been built. The access route is a fundamental flaw in this whole proposal and I cannot stress enough that although the construction will probably go ahead anyway, this has to be reconsidered out of respect for the community. You cannot base an entire development on

one access route via a database of filters and parameters that does not reflect the ground coverage needed for a 180+ development. I doubt that the vehicle trip generation and the rates out of the TRICS database are a true reflection; such an estimate is dangerous to base an entire development on one access point. I am also doubting that no one has physically sat at the top of the road on the peak periods and counted the traffic numbers to reconcile what has been given as parameters in the TRICS system.

There is also the village school consideration and the land that has been branded as 'Land allocated and safeguarded for school expansion' which in reality is an afterthought to keep the community happy and a small strip of land left behind with no consideration of who is actually going to build and pay for the school extension? Bellway homes has not suggested any contribution which as they will be onsite anyway could actually build it for us. It also appears no consideration has been given of how much land we would need for the school extension, how many classes would that cater for, how many more pupils would this allow in the school, would this be in keeping with the existing buildings? The questions go on, and not to mention the trek across a housing estate to get to the forest school which I can imagine will decrease in size once construction takes place.

I do hope the planning department sees sense and asks Bellway Homes to go away and resolve the access issue, this cannot go ahead as it is planned at the moment. Bellway Homes must respect the village community and the Ashington CE School children in their planning application.

Kind regards