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Sent: 25 January 2024 19:08
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 7:09 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:	3 Sparrows Cottages Rectory lane Ashington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Ashington Neighbourhood Plan was extensively researched and designed over 5 years with a good deal of community involvement, it went to resident's referendum and the resulting plan was submitted to and approved by (I think) HDC. The plan agreed 150 homes with community amenities marked clearly on the Neighbourhood plan. There is a second parcel of land which is part of the agreed Ashington Neighbourhood Plan, Chanctonbury Nurseries, for 75 homes plus amenities which has planning approval and is due to begin development Spring 2024. The suggested 'fair share' development requirement for Ashington was apparently 200 homes. Ashington Neighbourhood Plan allowed for 150 homes on the land West of Ashington School plus the 75 homes about to begin at Chanctonbury Nurseries site making 225 homes, 25 homes in excess of Ashington's 'fair share'. Bellway's proposal would add a further 30

homes, making the proposed total development in Ashington 27.5% over Ashington's 'fair share' on a smaller parcel of land. The additional 30 homes would also result in approximately 60 extra vehicles travelling on an already crowded, narrow residential access road. Bellway Homes application appears to propose 180 homes on a SMALLER land area with FEWER amenities than agreed in the Neighbourhood Plan. Bellway's proposal states that the smaller area shown in their plan can 'comfortably' accommodate 180 homes which totally ignores the detailed issues outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan. The sports amenities agreed in the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan are considerably reduced. An all weather multi use games area which includes a football pitch only allows parking for 10 vehicles. As there are likely to be 22 sports people on the pitch at any game plus coaches, parents and spectators, this is totally inadequate. Bellway do not appear to have taken the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan into consideration when designing their proposed new development and have failed to communicate effectively with Ashington Parish Council to answer public and Parish Council concerns regarding the discrepancies from the Neighbourhood Plan in their current proposal.

Kind regards