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Sent: 15 April 2023 09:07
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/23/0406

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/04/2023 9:07 AM.

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, sports pavilion, sport pitches and allotments; with associated access, landscaping, open space and infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	Embers Well House Road Ashington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Consultee
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	As the Chair of the Ashington Community Centre Trust, I am very disappointed that nobody at Bellway had bothered to consult with us. I have entered Consultee under the title of Commenter Type since, in the opinion of our Committee, given the existing community services which we manage, including four football pitches and associated facilities, little cognisance has been taken in respect of the proposition within the ANP to acknowledge the intent to create a Community Cluster centred around the existing Community Centre. If they had consulted with us where the Chair of the Ashington Football Club is also a Trustee of the ACCT, we could have told them that it is very clear that the lower of the two football pitches proposed is unworkable due to its location where the archaeological and drainage issues are of major consideration. There is no parking in the vicinity of this pitch and it is isolated from both the proposed new Sports Pavilion and our own Sports Pavilion.

Moreover, the access to this whole site runs up Church Road which is a very narrow and already has traffic issues especially when with visitors to the existing Community Centre, the Scout Hall, the Sports Pavilion, the Church, the School and other facilities.

It is clear that the whole plan has not been thought through, that the appropriate research into aspects such as the flooding in Mill Lane and traffic pollution have not been considered. Whilst there is the proposal of a new Sports Pavilion at the north west corner of the development with just one football pitch in that location, the design and provision of the requisite facilities to maintain this initiative is very poor with no consideration being given to the internal layout, nor the availability of storage of the machinery required to maintain the football pitches. This is all the more galling when we consider what we have on hand in the ACCT and the fashion by which we could have worked with Bellway to ensure that a comprehensive recreational service to the community could have discussed and enacted with the appropriate investment into the facilities which already exist.

The proposition of this new Sports Pavilion and the two pitches, the second of these which, I have said, is untenable, seems to be the only contribution that Bellway are prepared to make towards supporting and enhancing the infrastructure of the village. There is already considerable pressure on the surrounding medical and dental services, let alone the school and very small shopping area within the village, and to overbuild in an area which is under such stress without taking these matters into consideration is foolhardy and unworkable.

Bellway have taken no notice of the ANP nor the previous constructive objections raised by the Parish Council and until they sit down and engage in a professional manner with the bodies within the village which have been created in support of the community, the ACCT cannot support any aspect of their plans as they currently stand.

Kind regards