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Sent: 17 April 2023 05:47
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 17/04/2023 5:48 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:	21 Cricketers Close Ashington
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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 - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Along with so many Ashington residents and parents of children that attend Ashington C of E school, my family and I strongly object to the development in question. Before anything else, this proposal must be considered for complete rejection because of the developer's attempt to try to claim they are in line with the local water neutrality plans and requirement. There is no conceivable way this can be achieved for any development of more than a few homes for starters, but all references they make are to the wrong water board. This shows the level of disdain that they are showing towards our community. Southwest water have nothing to do with us in Ashington and have a totally different policy in relation to development and water policy. I believe this to be intentional in an attempt to try to get this through planning.

This initial application was for 150 homes (still huge over-development for the area and village) but this has now increased to 180. Profit is the driver behind this, not benefit to the community or potential future residents. The development is too focused on one area and the infrastructure in this area cannot take it.

The Ashington Neighbourhood Plan is not even close to being adhered to. The democratic process was followed and the plan designed to achieve the development requirements. 200 homes over the whole village over the period across 2 sites. While the extra homes might bring the developer greater economies of scale and higher profits, this is not in the interests of Ashington and the ANP that was drawn up.

Many of the residents have significant concern as to how any work traffic will get to the proposed site. The roads are not designed to take multiple large HGVs every day and the pollution and noise from these alone will be massively disruptive. Every day, hundreds of children and their families walk to the school along Church Lane and Church Close. Cars park along these roads for residents without parking and those that need to drive to drop their children off and pick them up making the space available for these large lorries too tight. There is no way drivers can be specially and situationally aware of so many children on such tight roads so the risk to hitting a child falls upon the developer. This has not been risk assessed and there is no risk assessment that can categorically state that all this site traffic (lorries and hundreds of workers) won't put children at risk UNLESS there were to be a guarantee that there would be no site traffic at all between the times of 0815-0900 and 1445-1530 when children are making their way to and from school.

The biggest concerns my family and I have however relate to how this development will impact the school. Not just through the build but in future. The build will be noisy, dusty and disruptive to our children's education. The school prides itself on its outdoor spaces, bringing nature into education and just generally getting the children outside whenever weather allows. An outdoor lesson will not be the same for the children with a large development being constructed close by. Teachers will quite rightly so reconsider if their learning objectives could be achieved outside with lots of noise. This will negatively impact our children.

The children currently enjoy the local woodland and have Forrest school, yet there has been zero acceptable response from the developers as to how this will be retained for our children currently at the school and those who will attend in future.

Safeguarding both during the build and once complete has not been addressed. The new development will mean it is not possible to assure the safety of children. We have no idea who the workers attending the site might be and there is no notice of any background checks that will be completed. But going forward, access the the proposed development would allow anyone to be in this area meaning the children are not assured of their safety.

The land local to the school being considered for development for these homes will a now effectively prevent said land from being available for the school to expand as was originally the agreement. The school is already full so there will be no new places available for all these new potential residents shrinking the catchment.

This development cannot be allowed to go ahead in anything like its current proposed plan.

Kind regards