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Sent: 18 April 2023 14:42
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 18/04/2023 2:43 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, 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:	26 Church Lane Ashington Pulborough
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	As a local resident on Church Lane in Ashington I am very concerned about access and highway issues to and from the proposed development site which will use Church Lane. We already experience a high volume of traffic during school drop off/pick up and local events at the community centre and the church, where some of Church lane is single carriageway due to parking, the existing volume of traffic causes queues and can be hazardous at times for the infants and primary pupils walking to and from school on some of the narrow pavements. Considering that most modern households have 2 cars, the proposed 180 houses would potentially bring in another 360 cars to the village using Church Lane. This is really unthinkable and very concerning with the already full and extremely under maintained highways in Ashington and the surrounding area where some roads are becoming impassable. The infrastructure of our local highways is already in decline and adding another 360 cars is going to aggravate this.

My 2 grandchildren attend Ashington CE primary and the proposed site would significantly impact the pupils at the school who currently enjoy a comprehensive Forest school system and outdoor learning ethos which is very much a part of the school curriculum. The children use the proposed land to walk across, studying and discussing their natural environment and seasonal changes on their walk to the woodland where they have their Forest school.

The school is over subscribed as are the local doctors. The offer of playing fields to the community is poor and unjustified as Ashington already has good facilities here. Playing fields are sterile and unnatural environments which cannot replace the open farmland and natural habitats with hedgerows and mature trees which would be destroyed in their wake. The destruction of our natural spaces is not being addressed at all.

Kind regards