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Sent: 14 September 2026 18:41:40 UTC+01:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1186
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 14/09/2026 6:41 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Rectory Lane Ashington West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline Application for redevelopment of the site to provide up to 125 dwellings, access, public open space and associated landscaping, drainage and highways infrastructure with all matters reserved except access.
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address:	Glentoran Hillcrest Drive Ashington
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
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:	I am commenting as a resident of Ashington for 58 years, So far HDC have granted planning permission for approximately 150 houses west of the school, 65 on the old nursery off Rectory

Lane now well under construction to be completed by August 2027 and 65 between that site and Penn Gardens which was not on the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan, this makes a total of 280 already granted planning permission.

HDC are now proposing an EXTRA 450 known as the northern cluster north of Rectory Lane this application is part of that northern cluster. This Application will further increase the housing population of Ashington by a significant amount which is preposterous and unsustainable.

In December of 2023 a HDC SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL UPDATE DOCUMENT confirmed the northern cluster area of Ashington was not suitable for development, so just what has changed in 3 years i.e. nothing.

Quote

'These sites are part of the Northern Cluster promotion. The Northern Cluster has not been allocated because of the cumulative impact on local infrastructure. The scale of development proposed would not be in line with the scale and function of the village.'

The proposed Northern Cluster cumulative impact is wholly unsustainable and out of scale with the village and has not been justified by HDC.

Ashington cannot cope with any more traffic using Rectory Lane, it is purely a narrow lane and this proposal for 125 houses could eventually produce 300+ private vehicle movements NOT INCLUDING Amazon, Couriers and Supermarket delivery vehicles per day proving hazardous for road users and particularly pedestrians.

Schools, public transport, Healthcare, utilities, drainage, community facilities and shops will definitely not have the capacity to serve our community.

This application MUST BE REFUSED.

Kind regards

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