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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 13/09/2026 11:27 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: 8 Blakiston Close Ashington Pulborough West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I strongly object to this further housing development because I believe Ashington Village does not have the infrastructure to

support any more homes.

Schools:

Ashington has only one primary school and no secondary school. Children of secondary-school age have to travel by bus or coach to Steyning Grammar School or other schools outside the village. More housing will mean more children travelling out of the village and more traffic on our already busy roads.

Health services:

There is no GP surgery in Ashington. Residents have to travel to Storrington or other surrounding villages for medical appointments. This is particularly difficult for elderly people and anyone without access to a car.

Roads and pedestrian safety:

Rectory Lane, particularly towards the bottom end, is extremely narrow and is essentially a farm road. It is already unsuitable for the amount of traffic using it. Adding hundreds more homes will increase traffic and create further safety concerns. There are also very narrow pavements used by children walking to school. I have video footage showing the current situation and can provide this if required.

Public transport:

Public transport in Ashington is very limited. There is essentially one main bus service linking Crawley and Worthing through the village. Pulborough railway station is approximately six miles away and there is no practical direct bus service from Ashington to the station. This means many residents will depend on cars, adding even more traffic to the local roads.

Water and sewage:

There are already concerns about the capacity of the local water and sewage infrastructure. I am concerned that this additional development will place even greater pressure on a system that is already struggling. The Council should be satisfied that there is sufficient capacity before allowing further development.

Construction noise and disturbance:

I also object because of the effect that prolonged construction is having on existing residents. My husband and I live beside the Elivia Homes development, which has been under construction for around two years. The constant noise, dust, dirt, heavy machinery and general disturbance have had a significant effect on our quality of life and wellbeing.

I am keeping a record of the construction noise and disturbance and have video evidence which can be provided if required. Planning guidance requires construction noise to be properly considered and significant noise to be avoided or adequately mitigated. I am concerned that the cumulative effect of several developments on existing residents has not been given sufficient weight.

Cumulative impact and loss of green space:

This application would add further development to a village that is already experiencing significant housing growth. The cumulative impact on roads, schools, health services, water and sewage, public transport and the wellbeing of existing residents is, in my view, unsustainable.

The proposal also goes beyond what was envisaged in the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan and would result in further development of greenfield land.

Ashington is a village with limited infrastructure. Development should not simply continue because housing numbers are required. The impact on the people who already live here must also be properly considered.

As a resident of Blakiston Close and living adjacent to the Elivia Homes Latham Grove development I have first hand experience of the significant impact and disruption of such a development.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask Horsham District Council to refuse this application.

Ashington needs appropriate development that is supported by the necessary infrastructure, not further excessive development that places an unacceptable burden on the village and its existing residents

Kind regards

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