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To: Planning
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 15/09/2026 10:00 AM.

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:	17 Linfield Lane Ashington Pulborough West Sussex
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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 - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Our village is too small to support an additional 450 homes in addition to what was already agreed in the Neighbourhood Plan, with this application being a 'sneaky' way into the agricultural land and remaining green spaces in the village. We do not have the infrastructure to support a total of 68% increase in homes/population without adding shops, schools, doctors surgery, dentist, widening roads putting in roundabouts and traffic lights and providing new bus routes etc and therefore being turned into another town. The houses planned are not for local people but apparently because HDC 'got their

numbers wrong' and now want to change 75 new homes to 450 new homes to 'help out' other districts! What it is, is simply about money for HDC and the property developers.

Design- the planned houses back right onto the existing homes in Billingshurst Road and Linfield Lane with loss of light, privacy and causing noise disruption to existing neighbours.

Access- onto a narrow, bending, busy road with poor visibility when around 130 extra cars/bikes/scooters/motorbikes will need to access the proposed site. Speeding is already an issue here with vehicles accelerating away from the roundabout by Linfield Lane. A fatality waiting to happen?

Loss of Amenity- loss of open spaces, fields, rural views. Loss of wildlife habitat for bats, owls, wood pigeons, red kites and other birds living here, as well as frogs, newts, toads, foxes, hedgehogs, [REDACTED], deer etc.

The fields here regularly flood and grazing animals have had to be removed during very wet weather. Trees would also be lost -destroying habitat.

Overdevelopment- as stated above. The village agreed only 5 years ago for 232 new homes, which is still a lot for this small village. This application is opening the floodgates for multiple smaller sites on land which was previously deemed to be unsuitable in 2021, yet nothing has changed- apart from the price tag perhaps?

Please don't devastate our lovely village and our countryside. My family have lived and worked here since the 1800s. I remember in the 1960s-early 1970s when there were about 250 residents- with more shops and amenities then, than there are now. Bigger is absolutely not better!

Kind regards

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