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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 27/08/2026 10:59 AM from [REDACTED].

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

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	1 Rectory Close Ashington

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I wish to strongly object to the proposed housing development in Ashington. Ashington is a small village, and I am concerned that the scale of the proposed development is completely disproportionate to the infrastructure and services currently available. The village does not have the facilities necessary to support a significant increase in population without placing considerable additional pressure on already limited resources.

The local roads are not capable of comfortably accommodating a substantial increase in traffic. Additional housing would inevitably mean more vehicles using roads that are already limited in capacity, potentially increasing congestion and affecting road safety.

There is also no GP surgery within the village, while public transport provision is limited. This is particularly concerning for families, older residents and people who do not have access to a car. A significant increase in population without corresponding improvements to public services and transport would leave residents struggling to access essential services.

The development is also likely to attract families, yet there is no school within the village. This would mean additional journeys by car to access schools and other facilities, placing further pressure on the local road network and increasing reliance on private vehicles.

I am equally concerned about the loss of countryside and wildlife habitats. The surrounding open spaces are an important part of Ashington's character and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. Once these areas are built upon, the loss of countryside and biodiversity cannot simply be reversed. Development should not come at the expense of the natural environment when the village already has significant infrastructure limitations.

I moved to Ashington because it was a quiet rural village with a strong sense of countryside and community. I appreciate that housing needs to be provided, but the scale and location of development must be appropriate to the character and capacity of the settlement. Turning Ashington into a much larger, more urbanised settlement would fundamentally change the village that existing residents chose to make their home.

I therefore ask the planning authority to carefully consider whether the proposed development is genuinely sustainable in terms of infrastructure, transport, access to healthcare and education, environmental impact, and the effect on the character of Ashington.

In my view, the proposed level of development would place unacceptable pressure on the village and its infrastructure while causing a significant and irreversible loss of countryside. I respectfully ask that the application be refused, or at the very least substantially reduced and reconsidered in light of these concerns.

Where did you
hear about this
application?

Social Media

Kind regards

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