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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/1186
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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 12:37 PM 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:	32 Fairfield Road Ashington

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Overdevelopment
Comments:	Ashington village agreed to a Neighbourhood Plan and this is not part of the plan. This site has previously been rejected by Horsham so why is it now ok? The negative impact on Ashington village is going to be huge: 1. The increase in traffic on the few small roads - congestion, pollution, danger to pedestrians.. 2. Water - with the current state of water levels, houses suffering points of no supply, how is there going to be enough to not only build all these houses but to then provide a regular supply to everyone in the village including taking waste away to the sewage plants.

3. Will there be enough for the sewage plants to cope especially when you can only recycle a limited number of times.
There is not enough water in our reservoirs already!
4. The amenities in Ashington are limited - a tiny shop and post office with a tiny car park, a chemist and a single entry school:
- There is no GP - hundreds of more people will need to try and squeeze onto the already full GP lists. It's hard enough to get an appointment now with a wait of weeks;
 - School places. With the neighbourhood plan, there seemed to be just enough scope to manage the additional children. The school can't cope with this number nor can schools in the vicinity. The levels of traffic trying to get children to out-of-catchment schools will hugely increase on already very busy roads;
 - Bus service is limited. You can travel north and south every half an hour but trying to travel east to west is not practical with 2 bus companies and uncoordinated timetables eg from Steyning, you can get to Washington but have a 40 minute wait before you can catch a bus onto Ashington. They are 5 miles apart and it takes over an hour! This needs to be vastly improved.

This is going to impact on the wildlife in those fields - more habitats loss and more wildlife lost as a result. We've already lost really important habitats with the building that is going on off Rectory Lane - woodland, hedgerows, scrub with brambles... no more Yellowhammers there!

Besides the above, Rectory Lane (as Church Lane is!) is a narrow country lane. How on earth is it going to cope with the additional traffic during the extensive building period plus the additional traffic if these houses get filled. The inconvenience and noise from the existing building sites are bad enough and these houses haven't even been completed or sold yet!

For a village this size, to increase from 1,100 homes to 1,850 is a nearly 70% increase. That is not reasonable. This is a village and needs to stay as a village. Enough building is happening already.

NO MORE!

Where did you
hear about this
application?

Social Media

Kind regards

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