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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 29/08/2026 10:41 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: 3 Sparrows Cottages Rectory Lane Ashington

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Ashington is a village with 1100 homes currently. Already the infrastructure that is in place is struggling to cope. Development of a further 226 homes has already been agreed in the neighbourhood plan. Now, on top of that, an additional 74 homes

have also been granted planning permission by the HDC. This increase of 300 homes amounts to a dramatic housing increase of around 27%.

Now, over and above that, the HDC is proposing yet a further 450 homes, to include 125 in an outline application by Taylor Wimpey, which would bring the total homes in the village to 1850 - an overall housing increase of 68%.

For any significant housing development to be successful there needs to be an infrastructure already in place and capable of supporting the increase of people and their needs. This means adequate roads to deal with the additional volume of traffic, adequate shops, adequate schools to handle the increased numbers of children, adequate medical facilities, adequate public transport, adequate utilities - water, sewage, electricity, broadband, and general community facilities - to support the increase in population. The bigger the population increase the more important a matching infrastructure upgrade covering all these elements becomes.

And that's where this whole proposal falls down because there are no consequent plans to build these essential infrastructure needs above the existing levels, which are themselves barely adequate to support the village of 1100 homes we have currently. And this point was essentially recognised by HDC's own sustainability appraisal conducted in 2023 which concluded that 'development would be unsustainable and out of scale with the village.

Nothing has changed since then so how can this now be proposed in direct contradiction to the HDC's own findings?

These proposals need to be denied and cancelled. Its not too late to stop these disastrous and expensive mistakes being made and the charming character of the village of Ashington being forever and irreparably damaged.

Kind regards

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