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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2057

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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 17/01/2026 12:13 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Little Slaughterford Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed development of 68 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works including supporting foul and surface water drainage works, and works to existing culverted watercourse on site.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address:	6 Thistle Road Barns Green Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design- Highway Access and Parking- Loss of General Amenity- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to formally object to the above planning application for the proposed development of 68 dwellings on land north of Little Slaughterford Chapel Road, Barns Green.

While I recognise the need for housing, I strongly believe that this proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site and would have a significant and harmful impact on the village, its residents, and the surrounding environment.

1. Lack of Adequate Infrastructure

Barns Green does not currently have the infrastructure capacity to support a development of this scale. There are already pressures on local schools, nurseries, medical services, and public amenities. No clear evidence has been provided to demonstrate how the additional demand created by 68 new dwellings will be adequately accommodated.

Furthermore, concerns remain regarding the capacity of existing water supply, electrical networks, sewage systems, and surface water drainage. Without clear and robust upgrades in place, this development risks placing unsustainable strain on essential services.

2. Highway Safety, Traffic and Parking

The local road network is narrow, rural in nature, and already experiences congestion at peak times. The proposed increase in traffic will inevitably lead to further congestion, parking issues, and an increased risk to pedestrian safety-particularly for children, elderly residents, and those with disabilities.

The cumulative effect of this development alongside existing and ongoing construction projects in the village has not been sufficiently addressed.

3. Overdevelopment and Village Character

This proposal is not in keeping with the character, scale, and density of Barns Green. The village has a distinct rural identity, and the introduction of a large housing estate of this size would fundamentally alter its appearance and sense of place.

The scale of this development is disproportionate to the existing settlement pattern and would result in an over-concentration of housing that is wholly out of character with the surrounding area.

4. Noise, Disturbance and Loss of Amenity

Residents will be subject to prolonged noise, vibration, dust, and disruption during the construction phase. Once completed, the permanent increase in population density, traffic, and activity will significantly reduce the quality of life for existing residents.

5. Environmental Impact

This proposal raises serious concerns regarding its environmental impact. These include potential harm to local wildlife, loss of green space, biodiversity disruption, and changes to natural drainage patterns that may increase flood risk.

The village has already experienced one building site for a smaller development, and the cumulative environmental effect of approving another development-particularly one that is double in size-has not been adequately addressed.

6. Public Open Space and Community Facilities

The plans do not demonstrate that sufficient, usable, and meaningful public open space will be provided to support the number of new residents. There is also no clear provision for additional community facilities to meet the increased demand.

In summary, this proposal represents an unsustainable form of development that would cause lasting harm to the character of Barns Green, place unacceptable strain on local infrastructure, increase safety risks, and negatively affect the environment and the wellbeing of existing residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this application be refused.

Kind regards

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