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For the attention of the Planning Officer

Planning Application : DC/25/2057

Land North of Little Slaughterford, Chapel Road , Barns Green - Development proposal of 68 Homes by Miller Homes

Dear Sir,

I am writing to OBJECT to the proposed development of 68 homes as described on the application DC/25/2057, for the following reasons;

The site is not included in the Itchingfield Parish Plan and was deemed unsuitable in the Horsham District Framework.

The site is a greenfield site often used for grazing cattle and also community use for charity events. The proposed development is a speculative development, and the need for these houses is not proven as another development currently nearing completion has some properties remaining unsold after many months being on the market.

The development will cause flooding in an area that is already subject to flooding during heavy rainfall , causing detriment to the Village shop and the Public House in particular. Covering a current greenfield with houses, tarmac roads and other hardstandings will substantially reduce the area for natural drainage.

The current infrastructure is already stretched beyond capacity with no significant upgrades being carried out following two recent developments. The electrical power supply is currently unable to supply the Sumner's Ponds development and there are many occasions throughout the years when there are power outages which take considerable time to reinstate.

The foul sewage network cannot provide the capacity for the current village , so additional housing will only cause more overflows from the Treatment works. Southern Water deny this fact but clear evidence is available to show otherwise. Since the application was submitted it has been stated that Southern Water intend to overload the

already beyond capacity of Barns Green Sewage Treatment works with that of the Itchingfield facility, which will cause further pollution at Barns Green and further downstream. It should also be taken into account that SW state that the foul drainage network cannot accommodate surface water flows , but ignore the fact that under heavy and continuous rainfall , the water enters the foul system , through failing joints and tree route growth into the joints causing the foul sewers to be blocked and unable to take household flows. The foul sewage capacity and infrastructure around the whole village is not fit for purpose , and cannot sustain any further development. The new information now becoming known that Southern Water intend to use the Barns Green facility for other surrounding village developments must be taken into account and Horsham District Council must take this information seriously and reuse the application.

The local roads serving Barns Green are already congested at peak times . particularly in the main part around Chapel Road. This development's entrance opposite the Village Shop and pub will jeopardise the continuing viability of these businesses, restricting parking and a danger to pedestrians and children in particular from vehicles forcing their way through a congested area.

I trust the Planning Officer will take into account the points raised and that of many other village residents and refuse the application

Yours faithfully

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