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Sent: 27 August 2026 10:34
To: Planning; Alice.Johnson; [REDACTED]
Subject: DC/26/0933 Land Between Muntham Drive and Smugglers' Lane Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex Erection of 31 dwellings with access from Chapel Road including roads, parking and open space
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27th August 2026

From a Member of the Public and Resident of Barns Green for over 50 Years with over 47 years of experience in the water and wastewater treatment industry

For the attention of Ms Alice Johnson,

Objection: DC/26/0933 Land Between Muntham Drive and Smugglers' Lane Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex Erection of 31 dwellings with access from Chapel Road including roads, parking and open space.

I object very strongly to this planning application.

Sewage Treatment Capacity and Discharges into Parsons Brook

We refer to the email from Southern Water dated 20th August 2026 which we have assumed was in response to our consultation response dated 20th August 2026 where we requested HDC to seek further clarification from Southern Water regarding the statement made in their letter ref: DSA000056676 dated 17th August 2026 regarding the foul sewage treatment capacity as follows:

- 1) Does the value of 0.28 l/s of foul sewage into manhole reference TQ12265901 now stated supersede the previous value of 0.6 l/s previously stated with respect to planning application DC/25/2057?
- 2) Does this value of 0.28 l/s of foul sewage into manhole reference TQ12265901 include an allowance for the 0.16 l/s (14,000 litres per day) stated by Southern Water as the foul sewage flows which are to be transferred from Itchingfield to the Barns Green sewage treatment plant?
- 3) We understood from the Southern Water letter ref EIR 3295 dated 09th April 2025 (copy attached) that the existing Barns Green sewage treatment plant had a design capacity for a population of 1018. Based on current estimates of daily usage per capita are you able to confirm the current population that can be served by the existing sewage treatment plan?

The subsequent email response from Southern Water (copy attached) does not address these crucial points which are urgently required to fully understand the situation at this stage.

On another point regarding the current foul sewage flow monitoring that is being undertaken at the Barns Green sewage treatment plant. Any results from this flow monitoring will not represent the potential foul sewage flows from the existing or approved connections due to the following:

- Only 9 of the 32 proposed new dwellings in the current Sumners Field development have actually been sold.
- Only 2 of the 24 proposed holiday lodges in the Bluebell Park development (at Sumners Ponds) have been constructed and possibly occupied.
- The Oakland Caravan Park development for 42 holiday caravans is still in the early construction phase.
- The proposed foul sewage transfer from the Itchingfield plant has not yet been confirmed by Southern Water but would need to be considered.

Please can we request that you endeavour to get a meaningful response from Southern Water on items 1), 2) and 3) above as soon as possible.

We look forward to a further response from Southern Water in due course.

Yours faithfully



From: Rowe, Shae [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2026 11:07
To: Alice.Johnson [REDACTED]
Cc: Matthew.Porter [REDACTED] >; Adrian.Smith [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: DC/26/0933, Land Between Muntham Drive and Smugglers' Lane

Hi Alice

I hope you're well.

Yes, there is currently capacity within the local foul sewer network for this development. However, tests are currently being undertaken at Barns Green WTW, and we do not expect to receive the results until around September.

As such, if the Council decides to impose a condition requiring reinforcement works, similar to Condition 10 on application DC/25/2057, we would understand until the outcome of the testing is known.

Best,
Shae
Future Growth Planner, South East Region
Developer Services

M. [REDACTED]

From: Alice.Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 August 2026 15:57
To: Rowe, Shae [REDACTED] >
Cc: Southern Water Planning [REDACTED] >; Matthew.Porter [REDACTED] >; Adrian.Smith [REDACTED] >
Subject: DC/26/0933, Land Between Muntham Drive and Smugglers' Lane

Good afternoon,

I have received the attached consultation response for DC/26/0933.

This site is adjacent to the application DC/25/2057. I understand from our previous correspondence that there were tests for capacity for DC/25/2057. Have these been carried out?

As I'm sure you appreciate members of the public had considerable concerns about the foul water capacity for DC/25/2057 and they are aware you were carrying out further testing for it. Please can you confirm how you have reached a position whereby confirmation of the capacity tests for DC/25/2057 has not been provided prior to Southern Water confirming there is capacity for DC/26/0933.

Due to my forthcoming leave, please can you reply all for your response.

Kind regards,

Alice Johnson

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