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

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 03/05/2026 11:01 AM.

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: 5 Six Acres Close Barns Green Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	Subject: Formal Challenge to Southern Water Consultation Response dated 29th April 2026 Dear Sir or Madam, I write to formally challenge Southern Water's further consultation response and to register my strong objection to its conclusions. The response fails to address the extensive factual evidence previously submitted and contains assertions that are demonstrably incorrect. In particular, the claim that there is sufficient capacity at Barns Green sewage works to accommodate new housing is inaccurate and ignores the documented history of raw sewage discharges into Parsons Brook and downstream watercourses. Grounds for challenge Failure to engage with evidence:

The response does not acknowledge or rebut the detailed evidence of repeated overflow events and pollution incidents affecting Parsons Brook and connected rivers.

Incorrect capacity assertion:

The statement that the Barns Green works have sufficient capacity is contradicted by the record of overflows and by the likely additional load from proposed housing.

Risk to public and environmental health:

Continued or increased discharges will further degrade water quality, harm wildlife, and create public health risks for local communities.

Procedural unfairness and maladministration:

The response demonstrates a lack of proper assessment and appears to rely on unsupported assertions rather than on up-to-date monitoring data and engineering analysis.

Requested actions

Provide full, dated evidence that supports the claim of sufficient capacity at Barns Green sewage works, including the most recent hydraulic modelling, consented discharge limits, and any planned upgrades with timelines.

Supply the complete incident log for raw sewage discharges affecting Parsons Brook and downstream reaches for the past five years, including dates, volumes (where recorded), causes, and remedial actions taken.

Explain the methodology used to assess the impact of additional housing on the works' capacity and on receiving water quality, including assumptions, load factors, and safety margins.

Confirm any planned infrastructure upgrades (scope, funding source, delivery timetable) that would be relied upon to accommodate the proposed development, and provide evidence that these upgrades will be completed before any new connections are permitted.

Reassess the consultation response in light of the evidence supplied by local residents and environmental monitoring, and issue a revised position that addresses each substantive point raised.

Kind regards

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