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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
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 22/06/2026 3:27 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:	26 Finians Field Finians Field Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping

Comments:

In light of the revised submissions relating to planning application DC/25/2057, I wish to reinforce and expand upon the objections I submitted on 1 February 2026.

I respectfully urge Horsham District Council to refuse this application and to undertake a thorough and independent assessment of the current and future capacity of the Barns Green Sewage Treatment Works before determining the proposal. I am deeply concerned by the continued assertions from Southern Water that sufficient capacity exists within the Barns Green Sewage Treatment Works to accommodate additional flows arising from this development. In my view, the available evidence raises significant doubts regarding the accuracy of these statements.

There is documented evidence of sewage overflows from the treatment works, resulting in pollution of local watercourses. Furthermore, expert assessments and capacity calculations indicate that the treatment works is already operating beyond its effective treatment capacity under existing flow conditions. This suggests that the infrastructure is unable to adequately manage current demand, let alone accommodate the substantial additional wastewater generated by the proposed Miller Homes development.

Given these circumstances, the Council must carefully scrutinise the information provided by Southern Water and should not rely solely on assurances that adequate capacity exists. The potential environmental consequences of approving development without sufficient wastewater infrastructure are significant and could result in further pollution incidents and deterioration of local water quality.

Particularly concerning is Southern Water's recent proposal to divert additional flows from the closure of the Itchingfield Sewage Treatment Works to the Barns Green facility. This proposal appears fundamentally inconsistent with Southern Water's claims that capacity remains available at Barns Green. If additional flows are intended to be transferred to a treatment works that is already experiencing capacity constraints, this raises serious questions regarding the reliability and credibility of the information being provided to the Council.

In light of the evidence of existing operational issues, documented pollution incidents, and the apparent contradiction between Southern Water's capacity claims and its proposed network changes, I strongly urge Horsham District Council to refuse planning application DC/25/2057 unless and until robust, independently verified evidence demonstrates that the necessary wastewater treatment infrastructure exists and can accommodate both current and future demand without adverse environmental impacts.

Kind regards

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