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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2026 09:32
To: Planning
Cc: John Milne MP; Alice.Johnson
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.

Categories: Comments Received

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RH13 0PW

20th 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 Southern Water letter ref: DSA000056676 dated 17th August 2026 and urgently request HDC to seek further clarification from Southern Water regarding the statement made 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 design capacity and population that can be served by the existing sewage treatment plan?

We feel that responses to the above points are crucial to fully understand the situation at this stage.

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

Yours faithfully

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Date

9th April 2025

Contact

Tel 0330 303 0368

Dear

**The Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Request for Information
EIR reference 3295**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 14th March 2025. We have dealt with your request under The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR 2004). This letter provides the response to your request, as follows:

Re: Barns Green WwTW, Emms Lane, Barns Green, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 0QQ

I am a resident of Barns Green Parish Council that HOC are looking into the possibility of various new housing developments in Barns Green and wish to obtain the following information regarding the local wastewater treatment works that serves the village.

I understand through the local

- 1. Confirmation of the current population that forms the basis for the design of the existing treatment works capacity.*
- 2. Confirmation of the current EA consented daily discharge flow of treated effluent to the Parsons Brook.*
- 3. Are Southern Water currently planning to increase the treatment capacity at these works in the near future.*

I look forward to your formal reply to the above enquiries in due course.

We can confirm that Southern Water does hold this type of information you have requested.

- 1. Confirmation of the current population that forms the basis for the design of the existing treatment works capacity.*

The current population supplied by Barnes Green Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) is 1018 and with current estimates of daily usage per capita, the treatment works could support a population of roughly 1400 people before the dry weather flow would be over the consented limit.

2. *Confirmation of the current EA consented daily discharge flow of treated effluent to the Parsons Brook.*

The current consented daily discharge flow for Barnes Green WwTW is 227cubic metres/day (m3/d). The Flow to Full Treatment (FFT) is currently 16 litres/second(l/s).

3. *Are Southern Water currently planning to increase the treatment capacity at these works in the near future.*

Currently there are no plans to increase the capacity at the treatment works at Barnes Green. Our Clean Rivers and Seas Plan [southernwater.co.uk/water-for-life/clean-rivers-and-seas-plan/map](https://www.southernwater.co.uk/water-for-life/clean-rivers-and-seas-plan/map) does, however, provide details of all the Wastewater Treatment Works , Wastewater Pumping Stations and overflows for our region, what investment is required at each site, when the work is planned to commence and what solutions are required.

Through our new Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) process, which is currently underway, we are also working with stakeholders to better understand the range of flooding risks in drainage catchments across our region, to try to work towards a more collaborative and sustainable approach to managing surface water. Key to this is preventing rainwater from entering our foul network, in order to free up sewer capacity for new development, whilst minimising the risk of foul flooding. For more information please visit our website: [Arun And Western Streams River Basin Catchment](#)

We are entitled to make a reasonable charge for information provided under the Regulations. Details of our charging scheme can be found on our website: <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/water-for-life/protecting-the-environment/environmental-information>. In this case we have decided to waive our charge.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within forty working days of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed to Head of Legal, Southern Water Services Ltd, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 3NX or you can email EIR.Internal.Review@southernwater.co.uk.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply, without charge, to the Information Commissioner, who will consider whether Southern Water has complied with its obligations under the Regulations, and can require Southern Water to remedy any problems. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Regulations in general, on the Information Commissioner's website at: www.ico.org.uk. Complaints to the Information Commissioner can be made via the "report a concern" section of the Information Commissioner's website.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

EIR Officer