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TO: Planning Officer, Horsham District Council, Parkside, Horsham, RH12 1RL

Objection: Application DC/25/2057

Land north of Little Slaughterford, Chapel Road, Barns Green
Development of 68 homes by Miller Homes

1. Brown field site rather than green field site – If development needs to be continued in Barns Green then building on brown field sites would be the Governments preferred option rather than a green field. The green field site chosen for this proposed development is an inappropriate site as it is in the heart of the village. The number of houses will also have a great impact on the aesthetics of the village.
2. Flooding – from personal experience the village already has flooding issues in many places. This development will have a major impact on already flood risk areas along Chapel Road, especially the village shop, post office and the pub. The floods from these run offs also impacts homes in the Hordens area behind the shop. The drains can't cope with the rain falls we currently have and the field where the proposed development could be taking place currently slows the flooding as it absorbs a lot of the water which would otherwise increase the flooding issue we currently see in the village.
3. Power capacity – The village is already feeling the infrastructure impact that recent building sites have caused as the power network is already strained and unreliable. Further homes will only add to the problems.
4. Traffic – these 68 homes will add over double the amount of traffic that has been added to our village roads since the last development at Sumners Pond. Chapel Road and other main roads on route to the development will not be able to withstand over 100 more vehicles using the village roads. The width of the roads will cause congestion and will increase the risk of child safety and will also impede on the access to the village shop, post office and pub.
5. Sewage is already a big problem for the village as it is already exceeding the treatment works capacity. With the amount of raw sewage already being released into stream and then rivers causing a huge environmental problem. Additional homes will only add to this, and raw sewage is already causing serious health problems as well as the environment in general.

6. Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre states that the Ecology Partnership highlighted the presence of Dormice on the proposed site. Under the government site www.gov.uk/guidance/hazel-dormice-advice-for-making-planning-decisions Dormice are included on the list of [species of principal importance in England](#) under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006). They are also listed as vulnerable on the [Red List for England's Mammals, on the Mammal Society website](#). Consideration for the conservation of Dormice must be used as part of planning decisions. Dormice rely on wildlife corridors that already exist and if the building goes ahead then endangered species will be greatly impacted.

Yours faithfully

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