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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 September 2026 14:21
To: Sam.Whitehouse
Subject: Re: DC/25/2006 Outline application - new sewage pollution evidence
Attachments: 22mm rain in 12hrs causes sewage discharge.jpg; sewage discharge 8.9.26 after 22mm rain in 6 hrs.jpg

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Hi Sam,

I write to provide important new additional evidence regarding the fragile capacity of the Slinfold sewage treatment plant, following modest rainfall last week.

On Tuesday 8th September 2026, Slinfold experienced modest rainfall totaling just 22mm over a 12-hour period. Despite the minor nature of this rainfall, it immediately triggered a raw sewage discharge into the River Arun lasting 2 hours and 44 minutes.

I attach screenshots from both the rainfall gauges and the Southern Water release history portal as proof.

Councillors must note that this pollution incident occurred less than a year after Southern Water completed a £4 million upgrade at the Slinfold treatment works in October 2025. SW explicitly stated that this investment was engineered to "increase capacity" so the site could handle peak flows and make "storm overflows much less likely."

However the evidence above shows that the foul network is still operating on such a knife edge that even a minor, routine rainfall event, triggers pollution incidents. Adding an additional foul load from 38 new homes to this infrastructure is a clear risk to the health of the Arun and its users.

As noted in my previous mails, approving this development under these known conditions would directly conflict with Paragraph 186 of the NPPF and your statutory duties under the Water Environment Regulations 2017.

Therefore until Southern Water provides a binding, fully costed engineering solution to address this clear lack of capacity, I do not see how you can legally or safely recommend this application for approval.

Thank you for ensuring this is added to the case file.

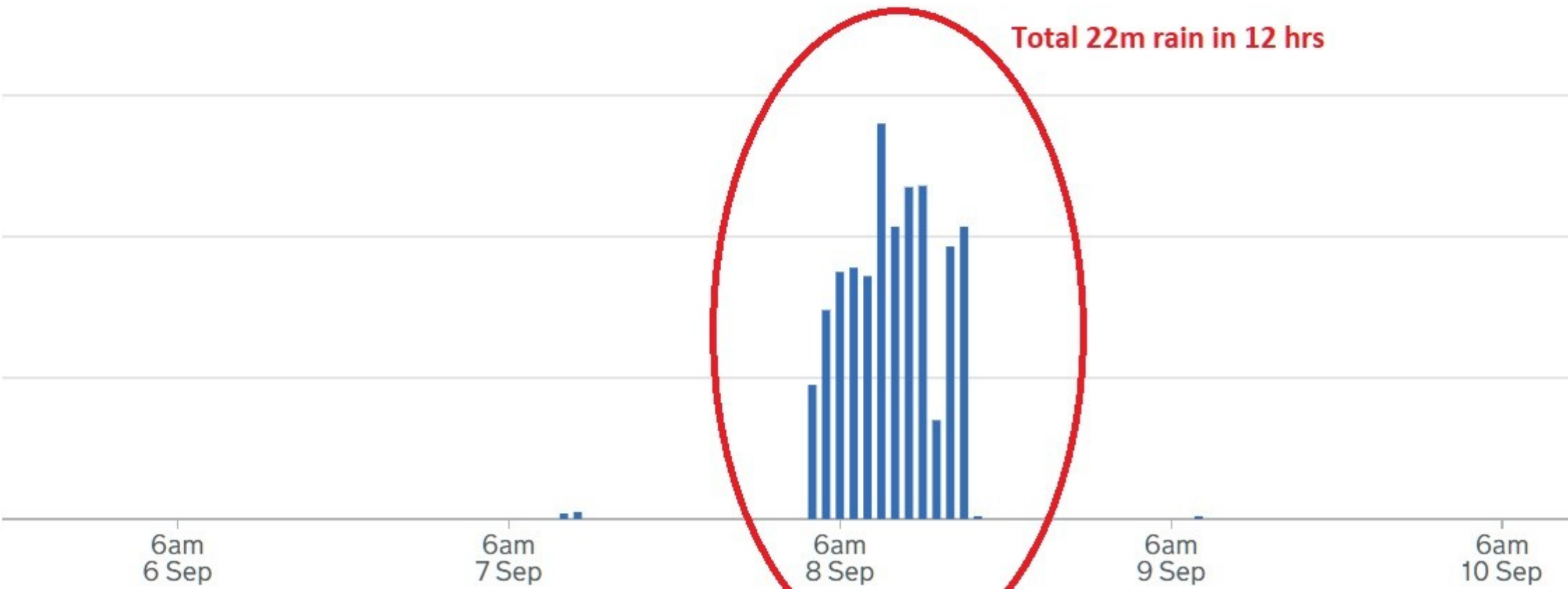
Regards,

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Rainfall over the last 5 days in millimetres

5 days 24 hours

0mm latest
3pm - 4pm, 10 Sep



Enter address, outfall name or bathing water



Slinfold

Feeds into **Tributary Of The River Arun**

Release in Last 24 Hours

There has been an outfall release within the last 24 hours which has ended

Releases - last 72 hours

Start	Duration	End	Status
08/09/26 15:27	2 hrs 44 mins	08/09/26 18:10	Genuine

