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Slaughterford Bungalow
Chapel Road, Barns Green,
Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 0PR
5th October 2026

Answering Lawful Development Questionnaire.

Re; Application No:	DC/26/1386
Applicant:	Mr Harry Smith
Description of Activity:	Application to confirm the continuous use of land as a mixed-use fishery, caravan and camping site (Lawful Development Certificate – Existing).
Site Address:	Sumners Pond Fishery And Campsite, Chapel Road, Barns Green, West Sussex

Answer to Question 1:

My husband and I have known the site, Sumners Ponds, since being established in 1994 and being immediate neighbours since March 1988 to Slaughterford Farm, as the site was formerly known, we watched the formation of Sumners Lake from our own premises. We also attended and enjoyed the evening barbecue celebration, marking the completion. Our family have enjoyed the fishing and facilities over the years, [redacted]

Answer to Question 2:

We have known the Smith family since soon after moving to Finians Field in November 1970. My husband was one of a group of carol singers on the trailer touring the village, one Christmas, [redacted]. [redacted]

Answer to Question 3;

Being neighbours for so long and seeing the development of the site and business from the start, around 1994, we have a good knowledge of what the activities and facilities consist of. The Cafe by the Lake is a popular meeting place for locals and the many visitors from elsewhere, who enjoy the views of the lake and the general aspect. Weddings, wakes and parties etc. are held in the Safari Tent.

Kite flyer groups and model boat enthusiasts have rallies around the fields and lakes. Fishing clubs use the Mattch Lake and Betty's Lake and can enjoy the availability of the cafe with its renowned breakfasts and lunches. The new lodges and pods enable non-campers to enjoy a break without the bother of camping equipment. Dog owners and dog walkers are well catered for as well.

The footpaths, we have walked regularly for many years, mainly as a couple but some times with family or the walking group we belonged to for some years after retiring. Christmas Dinners were enjoyed with the group annually in the cafe for several years.

[redacted] we don't use the facilities as much now but still follow with interest the happenings of the business. We have lost the view of Sumners Lake due to subsequent screening of the lodges behind our property. But we are not complaining as we enjoyed a view for many years, a memory we will always treasure. It was not our land to covet and glad it not more housing development. The traffic past our property has increased greatly, but not very much proportionally by Sumners Ponds development and activities. It is more from the fact that the village housing has increased over recent years and the roads have become a rat run between the A29, A264 and A272.

Answer to Question 4:

I'm sorry I cannot think of anything else that you need to be aware of at the moment. I will leave that to others.

Yours sincerely

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