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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 03/02/2026 4:21 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:	28 Finains Field Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Dear Sir or Madam, Re: Planning Application DC/2/2057 - Land North of Little Slaughterford Chapel Road, Barns Green I am writing to object to this application as someone who has lived in Barns Green my entire life (redacted). I have seen how recent development has already placed significant strain on village infrastructure, services, and the rural character that defines this community.

This proposal is not an allocated site in the recently approved Neighbourhood Plan, which was shaped by years of consultation and supported by local residents at referendum. The exclusion of this field was deliberate. Allowing speculative development here would undermine the Plan and the community-led planning process it represents. NPPF paragraph 14 is clear that in these circumstances, the harm of conflicting development is likely to outweigh any benefits.

The site lies outside the Built-Up Area Boundary, in open countryside where development should only be permitted if essential. Even the applicant accepts the proposal conflicts with adopted Horsham District Planning Framework policies. This is not an appropriate location for development of this scale.

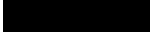
The village already experiences serious surface water flooding, and the local sewerage system is under well-documented pressure. Additional housing here would worsen flooding and increase the risk of sewage pollution, including impacts on local watercourses and the River Adur restoration efforts.

The proposal would also cause significant environmental harm, including the loss of ancient hedgerows and impacts on ancient woodland and wildlife habitats. These are irreplaceable assets that define the rural edge of the village and cannot be adequately mitigated.

Infrastructure in Barns Green is already stretched. Electricity supply is constrained, public transport is extremely limited, and increased traffic would place further pressure on narrow roads and the village centre, particularly around the shop and pub which many residents rely on.

Finally, this field is an important green gap that contributes to village character, the setting of historic buildings, and community life. It has been used for local and charity events for many years. Its loss would permanently damage the character of Barns Green. For all these reasons, I believe this proposal represents unsustainable, inappropriate development. The harm to the village, countryside, and environment clearly outweighs any benefits. I formally request that planning application DC/2/2057 be refused.

Yours faithfully,


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Kind regards

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