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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 04/02/2026 6:11 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:	1 new cottages sandhills road barns green
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 68 new houses in Barns Green. My family and I moved to Barns Green because it is a small, quiet rural village. We deliberately chose this location for its rural character, sense of community, and slower pace of life. The scale of this proposed development is fundamentally at odds with those qualities and would significantly alter the nature of the village. One of my most serious concerns is drainage and flood risk. Since moving to the village, we have quickly become aware of ongoing drainage problems affecting roads and properties throughout Barns Green. Our own property is particularly badly affected. This is despite the council clearing drains in January 2026. The existing drainage infrastructure is clearly already under strain and struggling to cope with the current level of development. Adding 68 new

houses would place a substantial additional burden on a system that is demonstrably inadequate, significantly increasing the risk of flooding and damage to existing homes. This could have catastrophic consequences for residents.

I am also concerned about the sustainability of further housing when recently built new homes located less than a minute away remain unsold. This raises serious questions about actual housing demand in the area and whether this scale of development is necessary or appropriate for the village.

Transport and highway safety are further major concerns. Barns Green has little to no viable public transport, and the nearest train station is approximately five miles away. As a result, any new residents would be heavily reliant on private vehicles. The surrounding road network consists primarily of narrow rural country roads which are not designed to accommodate a significant increase in traffic. An additional 100-150 cars accessing the village daily would inevitably increase congestion and heighten the risk of road traffic accidents, putting both residents and pedestrians at greater risk.

Taken together, the issues of drainage capacity, highway safety, lack of public transport, and the disproportionate scale of the development make this proposal unsuitable for Barns Green. I respectfully ask the council to give full weight to these concerns and to protect the character, safety, and sustainability of our village by refusing this application.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Kind regards

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