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Reasons for comment:

- Design
- Other

Planning Department, Horsham District Council, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, RH12 1RL – sent **by email to** planning@horsham.gov.uk
To the Planning Officer,

Application DC/25/2057 Land North of Little Slaughterford, Chapel Road, Barns Green 68 Dwellings – Miller Homes

CHALLENGE to Southern Water (SW) Consultation Response dated the 22nd January 2026

I challenge the consultation response from SW which is factually incorrect, incomplete and mis-leading for the following reasons.

(1) Their consultation response addresses only the immediate connection point and does not assess the documented sewage overflow problems or cumulative network capacity and inadequacy.

There are already documented discharges of raw sewage contaminating the local watercourses at times of heavy rainfall and the proposed development will increase this serious issue.

The Council's own committee reports have documented that **in 2022** Barns Green experienced **43 sewage overflow events totaling 411 hours** which equates to more than 17 days of raw sewage discharge. Overflows in 2022 are not an isolated case, monitoring by local residents has confirmed that the discharge of sewage from the treatment works is a regular and continuing issue.

Furthermore over the past few years the storm water spills of untreated sewage into the Parsons Brook from the treatment works have been increasing. In 2021 there were 40 spills for a total of 252 hours, in 2022 there were 43 spills for a total of 411 hours and in 2023 there were 63 spills for a total of 569 hours. The latest data from the Rivers Trust confirms that in 2024 there were 60 spills for a total of 503 hours .

(2) The SW response makes no mention of these overflow events and provides no assurance that additional flows from the proposed development will not exacerbate the sewage discharge.

(3) Their response only considers the immediate connection by confirming capacity at ‘manhole reference TQ12265901’, it does not assess downstream network capacity and overall ability to cope including the sewage treatment works or mention the sewage discharge events.

(4) The reference to the capacity at manhole reference TQ12265901 is staggering because this is a manhole located in Stoke D’abernon in Surrey, not even in this County.

(5) SW state that their sewer system could currently accept another 0.6 litres per second which equates to 51,840 litres per day of foul sewage. This is clearly not the case.

Even without including the proposed development current calculations indicate that the potential Dry Weather Flow (DWF) already exceeds the current Environment Agency consented discharge volume of 227,000 litres per day by in excess of 18%.

If the potential additional foul sewage flow from the proposed 68 dwellings proposed is then included, calculations indicate that the potential Dry Weather Flow (DWF) would then exceed the current EA consented discharge volume of 227,000 litres per day by in excess of 28%.

(6) In a letter sent to a local resident in April 2025 they stated that their assessment of the Barns Green sewage treatment works was based on a current population of 1,018 and that the treatment works had capacity to deal with waste from up to 1,400 people. Calculations of the actual population now are at least 1,390, and any new development will push this to beyond 1,500. Way beyond the capacity limit stated by Southern Water.

Consequently the information provided by Southern Water is worse than incomplete and mis-leading, it has no credence or credibility and cannot be relied upon to describe the real situation.

Yours faithfully,

