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**Sent:** 11 March 2026 10:33  
**To:** Strategic Planning <Strategic.Planning@horsham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Objection to 1500 Proposed Homes in Southwater

Dear Strategic Planning,

I am writing as a resident of Southwater to express my strong objection to the proposal to build approximately 1,500 new homes in and around the village.

This level of development is completely disproportionate for a village like Southwater and I urge you to oppose it on behalf of local residents.

Southwater's infrastructure is already under significant strain. Traffic congestion has worsened considerably in recent years and the local road network simply cannot accommodate thousands more vehicles that would inevitably come with such a large development. Residents already experience delays and congestion on surrounding roads, and further expansion would only exacerbate these issues.

Healthcare provision is another serious concern. It is already extremely difficult to obtain a GP appointment locally, with residents often waiting weeks to be seen. Increasing the population by such a large amount without guaranteed and immediate expansion of healthcare services would put unacceptable pressure on an already overstretched system.

Similarly, local schools and community services are already operating at or near capacity. There is no clear evidence that the infrastructure required to support an additional 1,500 homes—including school places, healthcare facilities, and transport improvements—will be delivered in time to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Flooding is also a significant and ongoing problem in the area. Local roads including Bonfire Hill and the access road towards Christ's Hospital station frequently flood following periods of heavy rainfall. There are also documented flooding issues on Two Mile Ash Road close to areas proposed for development. Increasing the amount of hard surfaces through large-scale building will only increase runoff and further heighten flood risk for nearby homes and roads.

Beyond the infrastructure and environmental concerns, developments of this scale fundamentally threaten the rural character of Southwater. Residents chose to live here because of its village identity and surrounding countryside. Expanding the settlement by such a large number of houses risks permanently altering the nature of the community.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose this proposal and represent the clear concerns of Southwater residents. Development on this scale is simply not appropriate for the area and should not proceed.

I would appreciate hearing your position on this matter and what action you intend to take to ensure the voices of local residents are properly represented.

Kind Regards,

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