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By e-mail only to
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: DC/25/2057 - Land North of Little Slaughterford, Chapel Road, Barns Green, West Sussex.

Proposed development of 68 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works.

I am writing on behalf of the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS) ⁽¹⁾ to make representation in regard of the above planning application.

While we recognise that this land has been designated for housing in the Horsham District Plan now being considered by HM Government, we support the views expressed by the CPRE in their letter dated 5th February, and in particular their comment that a full winter and breeding season bird survey should be performed. Although this is a Government and Natural England requirement ⁽²⁾ it does not appear from the applicant's Preliminary Ecological Survey that any such survey has been carried out.

We would like to submit that no determination of this application can be made until a bird survey has been undertaken and findings, together with proposals for any mitigation required, have been carried through into the documents supplied to the Council.

We trust that these comments will receive your due consideration.

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of the Conservation Team
Sussex Ornithological Society**

⁽¹⁾ The SOS is the county bird society. Our aims are to record and study wild birds in the county, to assist in the conservation of birds and to engage, inspire and educate people to enjoy, appreciate and understand birds and their habitats. We have a large database of bird records, which are shared with the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre (SxBRC) and with other interested bodies. Our membership is approximately 1,900.

⁽²⁾ see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wild-birds-advice-for-making-planning-decisions>