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Subject: DC/25/2057 Land North of Little Slaughterford, Chapel Road, Barns Green, West Sussex
Attachments: BG Sewage Photo Sheet.pdf
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From a Member of the Public and Resident of Barns Green for over 50 Years with over 47 years of experience in the water and wastewater treatment industry

For the attention of Ms Alice Johnson,

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

I object very strongly to this planning application.

Sewage Treatment Capacity and Discharges into Parsons Brook

I refer you to my previous objections and associated attachments on this subject dated 02nd May 2026 and the 18th June 2026.

Yet again it would seem that the latest response from Southern Water to HDC dated 18th June 2026 is seriously flawed and needs to be challenged. As previously stated for some reason it would appear that Southern Water do not have up to date knowledge of the current foul sewage connections to their sewer network and the potential flows and loads that would need to be treated by their existing sewage treatment plant.

Again, I would suggest that they have carried out a 'desktop modelling study' without the full knowledge of the situation 'on the ground' here in Barns Green. Yet again in the latest Southern Water letter to HDC dated 18th June 2026 they again suggest that their existing sewer system could currently accept another 0.6 litres per second which equates to 51,840 litres per day of foul sewage.

As previously demonstrated this is very clearly not the case, and it would seem that Southern Water are unaware of the potential flows and loads into their sewer network from the existing connection from the existing and 'under construction' tourist facilities and the recent new housing development on the West side of Chapel Road and the Oakland Park development (DC/23/1235) in Emms Lane.

As detailed in my previous email objection dated 18th June 2026 there is also now the very recent issue of the planned decommissioning of the Itchingfield sewage treatment works by Southern Water and the transfer of all the raw sewage flows and loads to the Barns Green sewage treatment plant.

As previously suggested Southern Water need to urgently consult their own process engineers regarding the capacity of the existing Barns Green sewage treatment works and whether it is able to accept the potential additional flows far in excess of the current EA consented DWF of 227 m3 per day from either the Barns green

local area (including the Miller Homes application DC/25/2057) or any other local housing developments (we refer here to DC/26/0366).

The current illegal and unrecorded raw and unscreened sewage overflow into Parsons Brook from the existing manhole immediately upstream of the raw sewage lift pumping station is an ongoing issue which also needs to be resolved (see attached photo sheet).

Yet again I urge HDC to refuse the current Miller Homes planning application together with any further planning applications for new dwellings until our very valid and serious concerns about the foul sewage treatment have been fully investigated and actioned by Southern Water.

I would be grateful if the full contents of this email together with my previous email dated 02nd May 2026 with the attachments could be placed before the Planning Committee.

Yours faithfully

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**Images of Some Typical and Frequent Pollution Incidents at the Barns Green
Sewage Treatment Plant**



**View of the Incoming Sewer Manhole Located Just Upstream of the Raw Sewage Lift
Pumping Station in the Treatment Plant with Parsons Brook in the Foreground**



**Close-Up of the Manhole with Raw Unscreened and Untreated Sewage Overflowing
and Running Down the Bank and into Parsons Brook**



View of the Parsons Brook Badly Polluted with the Raw Unscreened and Untreated Sewage which then Flows Downstream to the River Adur West



Still from a Video of the Same Manhole on Another Occasion



Still from a Video of the Same Manhole from the Other Bank of Parsons Brook

These are just some of the illustrations of very frequent unrecorded pollution events that occurs every time the raw sewage lift pumps in the adjacent sewage treatment plant fail as a result of blockage, mechanical failure or electrical power failure. There is now a standby power generator installed but on occasions this does not automatically start on power failure. Even when alerted to these issues it can be several days before Southern Water actually respond.
