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Sent: 17 July 2026 20:32

To: Alice.Johnson [REDACTED]

Subject: DC/25/2057 - Information Provided by Southern Water

Dear Ms Johnson,

I am sending this message to you directly because I believe you should be aware, and that it is important that you make the Planning Committee aware of the incorrect and mis-leading information that Southern Water have recently been providing to you during your consideration of the Miller Homes planning application in Barns Green.

In spite of recent statements made to you by Southern Water (SW) new evidence from previous SW correspondence sent to HDC has now come to light that confirms that there is not the capacity to accommodate the foul water and sewage flows that would be generated by the proposed Miller Homes development.

It is very important that in preparing your recommendations you are fully aware of this and have the true situation and facts.

The following explains the true situation and how SW have been attempting to mis-lead you by providing incorrect information.

- (1) During the consideration of Planning Application DC/15/0029 proposing the development of 63 dwellings in Barns Green, which was subsequently refused, Southern Water (SW) submitted a letter dated 26th March 2015 stating that the Barns Green sewage treatment works had insufficient capacity to deal with this development.

These are the statements made by SW at that time:

- 'the works currently does not have the capacity to accommodate flows from the development'
 - 'there is currently inadequate capacity in the local network to provide foul sewage disposal to service the proposed development'
- (2) Since March 2015 no upgrades have been made to the treatment works to increase the capacity. In 2020/21 an additional filter and chemical treatment was added to meet the requirements of the Environment Agency discharge permit, but this did not increase the capacity of the treatment works.
 - (3) Furthermore, since March 2015 over 160 additional dwellings have been added to the sewage flows into the treatment works.

- (4) Consequently the capacity of the treatment works is now grossly exceeded, and way beyond the 'inadequate capacity' stated by SW in 2015.
- (5) In April 2025 SW also stated they have no plans to increase the capacity of the treatment works

This evidence confirms that the treatment works certainly cannot cope with the addition of the 68 dwellings now proposed for the Millers Homes development.

SW's recent statements submitted for DC/25/2057 saying there is sufficient capacity have been totally invalidated by their own letter in March 2015.

Confirming that the infrastructure, in all respects, water supply, sewage treatment, road network etc., does not exist to support development in Barns Green.

I hope this information will assist you in your considerations of the Miller Homes application.

I would be grateful if the full contents of this email could be placed before the Planning Committee.

I am a resident member of the public and my home address is Camomile Barn, Emms Lane, Brooks Green, RH13 0TR.

In addition to my concerns about the sewage treatment plant I strongly object to this development on the basis of Design, Highway Access & Parking, Loss of General Amenity, Overdevelopment, Other, Trees & Landscaping as detailed in my other comments previously sent to your office.

Yours sincerely,

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