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Member of the public : Objection

After watching the Points from Communities and Place Policy and Scrutiny Committee 09/09/26 on YouTube I have , but in no particular order, the following points which are drawn from questions and concerns raised by the District Councillor:

The public speaker spoke of the waste from proposed 1000 houses west of Southwater coming to Barns Green Treatment Works (BGTW). Later in the Southern Water (SW) presentation Daniel Whicher of SW said that the waste was going to Horsham New TW. I know that when I read the HDC plans for the 1000 houses west of Southwater, that the waste was coming to BGTW.

On a SW presentation slide it said that Itchingfield TW would be receiving £3.2m of investment, a question asked by Cllr Dye was that the community understood that Itchingfield TW was shutting down, Daniel Whitcher of SW said that this was not the case. The slide in question did also say that BGTW would be getting £0.24m of investment, but the following slide seem to imply that the £0.24m was part of a program for other TW for the removal of phosphorus. BGTW is already overwhelmed, it cannot cope with the new Sumners Field let alone the Millers, Shanley and Sandhills proposal. Cllr Dye did ask as other Cllrs, for the slides of the presentation from SW as they were visually unclear and very confusing, as of 14/09/26 Cllr Dye had not received these slides

Cllr Ellis-Brown questioned SW that he had information from SW that demand would outstrip supply in this area by 2030, to which the SW Director of Wastewater George Taylor could not answer because he is wastewater section but he would get back to Cllr Ellis-Brown. Surely being SW Director of Wastewater you are privy to such information, this has to be questioned. 2030 there will be a lack of water and HDC are still pushing for developments, not pushing back at Government to say they cannot.

Cllr Vickers asked SW about a new reservoir, SW Director of Wastewater could not answer because he is wastewater section but he would get back to Cllr Claire Vickers. Again surely being SW Director of Wastewater you are privy to such information, this has to be questioned

Cllr Trollope said that being on the planning committee that they have to make judgements which rely on not full detailed information. For example with SW, saying that water can be supplied and sewage can be dealt with with a wing it attitude type of attitude

Cllr Trollope asked the SW Director of Wastewater, are desalination stations being considered, to which the SW Director of Wastewater replied with a direct no, why not? Looking through online SW are considering shipping in by tanker water from Norway if we get short. Couldn't write it, so 'environmentally' friendly Norway's very profitable main exports are oil and gas. So other countries burn the fossil fuels creating global warming so melting glaciers for then the Norwegian Eco-warriors to sell off the melt water, which is then in turn transported by fossil fuel burning tankers, really!

SW kept saying the problem of the old Victorian pipes having rain water getting in where CLR Circus said that it was spoken about 40 years ago. Cllr Livingstone questioned the new / upgraded asset at Mannings Heath, it has already recorded 1000 hours of discharge. New pipes , new system but same problem, why?

What comes out of this is meeting is District Councillors have to make decisions on what information they given and Cllr Trollope highlighted this by the lack of detail, how can further plan proposal be approved by this wing and prayer attitude of SW

SW Director of Wastewater said there was a change in culture in SW , there is no change in culture but a change in personnel, giving minimal information and unacceptable working standards.

Angela Rayner said that in an intervei with the BBC , that she does not now think that the 1.5m homes target will be reached, saying it is due to the Iran war and rising construction costs. Or maybe its that there are not the suitable sites available due being able to lack of supply water, sewage treament, infrastructure, transport along destruction of the enviroment , agriculture and communities

Regards

