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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2057
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 01/02/2026 10:41 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Little Slaughterford Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex
Proposal:	Proposed development of 68 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works including supporting foul and surface water drainage works, and works to existing culverted watercourse on site.
Case Officer:	Alice Johnson

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Customer Details

Address:	2 peskett close Barns green Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other
Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to register my strong objection to the proposed development of 68 new houses in Barns Green. While I recognise the need for appropriate and sustainable housing, this proposal

presents significant and unacceptable impacts on road safety, local infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and the overall wellbeing of the village community.

1. Traffic Volume, Road Safety & Parking Pressures

The proposed new access onto Chapel Road will substantially increase traffic on a route that is already constrained. Chapel Road is narrow, frequently congested, and heavily used by pedestrians, schoolchildren, cyclists, and horse riders. Introducing a major access point will heighten the risk of accidents and create further bottlenecks.

This issue is compounded by the existing parking pressures outside the village shop and pub-both essential community assets and social hubs. These businesses rely on safe, accessible parking for residents and visitors. Increased traffic, combined with construction vehicles and long-term changes in traffic flow, will place these vital amenities under severe strain and compromise safety for all road users.

2. Strain on Infrastructure & Essential Services

Local utilities and services are already operating at or beyond capacity. Electricity, gas, water supply, drainage, and sewage systems have all experienced issues in recent years. The sewage works in particular is a critical concern: it is currently exceeding capacity for the existing population, even before accounting for the recent Sumner's Fields development.

There have been instances of raw sewage discharge due to overload-an issue that poses serious public health risks and environmental harm. Adding the waste output of a further 68 homes would exacerbate an already failing system and is wholly unsustainable without major infrastructure upgrades.

3. Highways, Public Transport & Sustainability Concerns

Barns Green has inadequate bus services, with limited frequency and routes that do not meet the needs of residents commuting for work, education, or essential services. As a result, the overwhelming majority of residents rely on private cars for daily travel.

A development of this scale would significantly increase the number of vehicles entering and leaving the village each day. This will:

Increase wear and tear on local roads

Add to congestion on already pressured routes

Raise emissions and undermine local and national sustainability goals

Without meaningful investment in public transport, active travel routes, and sustainable infrastructure, this development is incompatible with responsible climate and environmental planning.

4. Environmental & Community Impact

The cumulative effect of increased traffic, overstretched utilities, and reduced road safety will have a detrimental impact on the character and quality of life in Barns Green. The village's rural identity, community cohesion, and natural environment are central to its appeal and long-term sustainability. This development risks eroding those qualities without delivering proportionate benefits or infrastructure improvements.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I urge the planning authority to reject this proposal in its current form. The development places disproportionate pressure on Barns Green's infrastructure, compromises road safety, and fails to meet sustainability standards. Any future development must be aligned with the capacity of local services and the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Kind regards

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