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I strongly object to this planning proposal.

Residents are already experiencing the consequences of inadequate sewage infrastructure, with sewage discharging into Parsons Brook because the Barns Green treatment works does not have enough capacity to deal with existing flows.

I am therefore very concerned that Southern Water's latest response to Horsham District Council, dated 18 June 2026, states that there is sufficient capacity for additional housing. This statement appears to ignore the reality on the ground. Either the company is working from outdated information regarding current sewer connections and treatment requirements, or it has significantly underestimated the pressures already affecting the network.

Of particular concern is the continuing overflow of untreated, unscreened sewage from the manhole immediately upstream of the pumping station into Parsons Brook. This issue remains unresolved and should take priority over any consideration of further development.

Independent experts, including specialist drainage engineers, have already highlighted the shortcomings of the Barns Green treatment works and questioned its ability to accommodate further growth.

For these reasons, I believe this application is premature and should be refused until Southern Water has properly addressed these longstanding concerns. I also encourage the Council to challenge the repeated assurances provided by Southern Water, as they do not appear to reflect the current circumstances.

Yours Sincerely

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