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**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 5:26 PM.

### Application Summary

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| 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: 7 Chestnut Close Barns Green Horsham

### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Neighbour                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                |
| Reasons for comment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Highway Access and Parking</li><li>- Loss of General Amenity</li><li>- Overdevelopment</li><li>- Trees and Landscaping</li></ul>                    |
| Comments:            | 1. Highway Access and Parking:- The development is directly opposite the Village Store and the Queens Head Public House. These are the only amenities of this type in the village. The shop |

particularly relies solely on on-street parking for customers and deliveries, the pub for when the car park is full. Both are manageable at their present levels but additional access and traffic from the development would increase the likelihood of accidents and put pedestrians at additional risk. Even now, cars are the only realistic means of transport to and from the village as there is only a sparse bus service and Christs Hospital, the nearest station is 2.5 miles away.

2. Loss of General Amenity. The site is currently used for village activities, particularly the annual car show which raises thousands of pounds for St. Catherines Hospice and additional parking for the annual Run Barns Green event also for charity. As a field it provides protection against flooding which is already an issue elsewhere in the village. Any development mitigation would still severely reduce or eliminate this capability and increase the burden on already stretched exiting flood mitigation measures.

3. Overdevelopment:- The previous Sumners Field development to the south has 32 dwellings, started in 2024. It is still under construction and to date only SIX dwellings are occupied. The site is still on a construction electricity supply and a generator. Whilst the water supply is connected, wastewater is already using an overstretched sewer system. Is there really any justification to build 68 similar new homes that are adjacent to an already underoccupied development? The new development also puts the character of the village, its main appeal, at risk. Sumners essentially retained this, but only just.

4. Trees and Lanscaping:- The development will remove the hedge that runs between the field and Chapel Road. It is an established important habitat for wild flora and fauna and acts as a barrier to reduce the risk of flooding referred in 2. There is no reason I can see to remove it.

Conclusion:- I moved to Barns Green because of it's appeal as a village. Previous developments retained this characteristic whereas this one being at the very centre does not. The current infrastrucure is barely adequate and will surely be severely tested with 68 new houses. For these and the reasons above, I must respectfully OBJECT to the approval of this application.

Sincerely

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Kind regards

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