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Sent: 11 March 2026 12:15
To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0366

Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/03/2026 12:14 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land North West of Southwater

Proposal: Outline planning application, with all matters reserved (except for primary access to the highway) for a phased development comprising: the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of residential dwellings (including affordable housing) (Use Classes C2 and C3); a mixed-use neighbourhood centre (Use Classes E and F); education facilities (Use Class F1(a)); business and employment floorspace (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)); redevelopment of existing agricultural buildings including construction of a building for community use (Use Classes E and F2); improvements to public rights of way; sports pitches; gypsy and traveller pitches/plots; public open space; landscaping, and associated infrastructure.

Case Officer: Matthew Porter

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Customer Details

Address: 6 FLETCHERS SOUTHWATER [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Highway Access and Parking
- Loss of General Amenity
- Other
- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments:

If you even bother to read these comments, which have been ignored many times in the past by previous council planning department staff and councillors, then it seems that we are forever being bombarded with HDC trying to further erode our green spaces, especially here

in and around Southwater. There has been so much new building going on here with Berkeley Homes with 1000+ homes already constructed. Yet there have been no improvements to the local roads and we only have one road in and out of the village. I see no provisions to improve this situation. When the A24 is closed, for whatever reason, the only option is to divert traffic through the village on this one road, which causes absolute havoc. Adding another 1000+ homes and their associated cars will simply compound the traffic problems here.

When I attended the 'consultation' a few months ago, the Berkeley team were trying to tell us that hedgerows etc. would be maintained, but when I challenged this, they had to admit that many hedges will be destroyed by the heavy equipment used to clear the site. Once these hedgerows are gone, they will be gone for ever and with them, the wildlife that depend on them. Even if the developers replant it will take decades for these to become established.

The Lib Dem manifesto and that of John Milne have two points that they are totally ignoring.

1) Fair access to good public services and a strong social safety net

2) A flourishing environment with fair access to nature for all.

Neither are of these are being acted out here in Southwater.

If there is such a shortage of housing for UK residents why are Berkeley Homes advertising already built properties in the Far East?

I have lived in my house for the past 22 years and there have been constant applications to build on the green spaces around the village and the voters in the village are forever objecting after so many houses have already been built. When the council ever listen to us and stop this nonsense! We have had enough of this and shouldn't have to fight the planning department year after year.

If you wish to put an Ordinance Survey map on the site, then please have the decency to highlight exact the area which is going to be affected the planning application. I think the villagers know where we own our properties are in Sussex.

Kind regards

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