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17th June 2026

To the Planning Officer,

OBJECTION – DC/25/2057 Land North of Little Slaughterford, Chapel Road, Barns Green 68 Dwellings – Miller Homes

Further to my objections to this development sent on the 2nd February 2026 and 29th April 2026, I believe that further important information from Southern Water has come to light which significantly impacts this application. A letter sent to Barns Green residents on the 15th May 2026 from Southern Water with reference 870357, states that:

"I am writing to you in relation to a proposed pipeline from Itchingfield Wastewater Treatment Works to the Barns Green area, as part of Southern Water's ongoing environmental improvement programme.

We are proposing to pump the wastewater that flows into Itchingfield WTW to the neighbouring wastewater network in Barns Green village, through which it will flow to Barns Green WTW. Once complete, the site at Itchingfield will no longer treat any wastewater."

This proposal from Southern Water to close the Itchingfield Wastewater Treatment Works, transferring additional sewage to the already overwhelmed Barns Green WTW was not available information when Miller Homes submitted their planning application and my original objection was sent.

As stated in my original objection Barns Green WTW currently is at capacity, cannot cope with existing demand and its infrastructure is not fit for purpose. This proposed additional load on the Barns Green WTW makes any development including the Millar Homes application, completely untenable. The Itchingfield site currently handles the sewage from 18 properties. This would add over 25% extra to the planned 68 houses in the Millar Homes application.

There is documented evidence that the Barns Green WTW is already overloaded and regularly overflows into Parsons Brook which is causing widespread pollution locally and ultimately into the River Adur.

Expert calculations have shown that the equipment and tanks in the Barns Green WTW are insufficient and Southern Water have not taken into account the already approved additional sewage flows from the Park Homes extension in Brooks Green in their statement on the Miller Homes application in which they conclude that 'capacity is sufficient'. Southern Water have also incredulously stated that there is 'sufficient capacity' at the Barns Green WTW for the proposed large housing development in Southwater and now subsequently that it can also deal with the flows from their planned closure of the Itchingfield works.

These statements from Southern water are mis-leading and do not reflect the daily reality. Data from The Rivers Trust show that in 2024 the Barns Green WTW storm overflow spilled 60 times into Parsons Brook totalling 502.57 hours of discharge, and then in 2025 the storm overflow spilled 47 times for a total of 417.13 hours discharging into Parsons Brook.

I understand that Southern Water are legislatively bound to committing to allowing connection to its system to all approved development applications, therefore it sits with the Planning Committee to prevent the environmental disaster that overloading the insufficient Barns Green Wastewater Treatment Works would cause. I implore you to look at the evidence provided from local residents and experts, which counter the miscalculated capacity estimations from Southern Water, alongside the litany of errors identified in their supporting documents, which include references to manholes located in Surrey and further afield, rather than in Barns Green itself.

I trust that my original objections still stand in their entirety and that this additional objection responding to new information from Southern Water serves to further demonstrate why Horsham District Council must **REFUSE** this application from Miller Homes.

Yours faithfully,

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