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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 02/07/2026 11:46 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:	26 Finians Field Alphabet Horsham
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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
Comments:	I object very strongly to this planning application. I objected some months ago and nothing I have read in the resubmitted application makes me confident that Miller Homes,

and Southern Water in particular, has addressed the key issues that formed the basis of my objection last time round. The principal failing in this application is the matter of sewage treatment arrangements and capacity.

Sewage already discharges into Parsons Brook due to inadequate capacity at the Barns Green treatment works.

Southern Water (SW), in their latest comment to HDC dated 18th June 2026, claim that the capacity of the existing treatment works is sufficient for further development. But that indicates SW do not have up to date knowledge of the current foul sewage connections to their sewer network and the potential flows and loads that already need to be treated by the sewage treatment plant. It may, on the other hand be that SW have been negligent and incompetent because their comments are seriously flawed and must be challenged.

Raw and unscreened sewage overflows illegally into Parsons Brook from the existing manhole immediately upstream of the raw sewage lift pumping station, and that goes unrecorded and is an ongoing issue which needs to be resolved even before additional flows into the treatment works are considered.

Expert contributions by a specialist drainage engineer and others who have detailed knowledge have clearly stated the inadequacy of the Barns Green treatment works.

Until these serious concerns about the foul sewage treatment have been fully investigated and actioned by SW, the planning application must be denied..

I urge HDC to refuse the current Miller Homes planning application together with any further planning applications for new dwellings, and to question the reasons why SW have repeatedly submitted incorrect and misleading information.

I have read the facts presented to me by experts in the field and I repeat them to back up my objection. Every single one of them is serious and must be addressed

Fact (1) - Raw untreated sewage already regularly discharges into Parsons Brook.

Fact (2) - Southern Water stated in their letter dated 9th April 2025.

- The Barns Green sewage treatment works (BGSTW) is currently designed to serve a population of just 1,018 persons.

- Manipulating the current design basis BGSTW could perhaps serve a population of roughly 1,400 persons.

- There are no plans to increase the capacity of the BGSTW.

Fact (3) - the population served by the BGSTW is already 1,391 and with the additional further developments already approved by HDC will exceed 1,475.

Fact (4) - In addition if the holiday lodges and camping facilities at Sumners Ponds and the Oakland Park static holiday caravans were at 100% occupancy this would increase the population served to 1,615.

Fact (5) - Southern Water are now planning to transfer the foul

sewage flows from the Itchingfield STW estimated at 70 to 100 persons to BGSTW. This will increase the population served by BGSTW to 1,715.

Fact (6) - Southern Water's letter dated 18th June 2026 yet again stated they have sufficient capacity at BGSTW.

Which is clearly not the case.

Fact (7) - The proposed 68 Miller dwellings will increase the population served to over 1,920.

This population of 1,920 far exceeds the 1,018 and 'roughly 1,400 persons' that Southern Water referred to in their letter dated 9th April 2025.

Fact (8) - There is not sufficient capacity in BGSTW.

Fact (9) - Pollution of Parsons Brook and the wider watercourses network will continue and increase.

No further development in Barns Green should be approved on the basis of the insufficient capacity of BGSTW alone.

The issues of traffic in the village, parking, unwelcome noise and overdevelopment that I alluded to in my original objection are still not adequately addressed, and I fear for the safety of residents, particularly children, with the inevitable rerouting of cars past the school during the construction phase, but also when the design feature of having a major junction opposite the shop kicks in.

Prerserve our rural village, throw out this application.

Kind regards

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