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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2006

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 22/07/2026 3:06 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land East of 1 To 25 Hayes Lane Slinfold West Sussex
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters to be reserved except for access and layout, for the erection of 38no. dwellings, (including 13no. on-site affordable housing units), together with access from Hayes Lane, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, open space and play provision, sustainable drainage, and re-alignment of Public Right of Way No.3782
Case Officer:	Sam Whitehouse

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Customer Details

Address: 6 Mitchell Gardens Slinfold Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	I write to inform the council and councillors about a recent revelation of context re Southern Water's (SW) recent shift in stance on application DC/25/2006. Originally, SW's calculations claimed the local foul network capacity was "adequate". It was only after I pushed back with sewage spill data did they say that there was a capacity issue, which they now downplay as a "minor increased risk" requiring unspecified future works. The new point I wish to make is that HDC must view these changing foul capacity stances in light of the news today (22.7.26) that the Environment Agency is bringing criminal fraud prosecutions against SW's former Chief Executive AND managers for deliberately manipulating wastewater compliance testing data. It seems there was/is a culture of deliberately hiding/down playing foul spill data to avoid fines

and to give the impression that foul networks were operating 'adequately'. This could exactly explain SWs' initial stance of 'adequate' capacity, DESPITE them knowing at that time about their own spill data. How can then their new stance of 'minor risk' be trusted?

It would be irresponsible and illogical for HDC given this corporate culture of data manipulation to hide network failures, to trust SW's modelling or vague promises of future improvements.

When a water company's management faces criminal prosecution for falsifying data, HDC has a public duty to reject their unverified assurances.

This revelation is a new additional reason for HDC to stand on solid legal ground (as already detailed in my submission dated 6.7.26) and enforce a strict Grampian condition to halt this development until physical infrastructure upgrades at the Slinfold treatment works are fully completed and independently verified.

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Kind regards

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