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I am writing to strongly oppose the application by Shanly Homes for the development of 31 houses on land between Smugglers Lane and Muntham Drive, Chapel Road, Barns Green.

Of major concern is the current inadequate capacity for sewage treatment in this area as there is already continuous leakage of sewage within and around the village. The Barns Green Wastewater Treatment Works does not have the capacity to cope now. On top of that, Southern Water intend closing the Itchingfield treatment facility and transferring to the already overloaded Barns Green facility!

There is often flooding in this area, particularly in the village shop, and further development will make matters worse due to the reduction of exposed soil.

There is already heavy congestion at times on this narrow road which will be exacerbated by extra road users from such a development. There is no daily bus service so car journeys would be a necessity thereby causing more pollution, road damage and danger to road users and pedestrians, many of whom are young children attending the Village primary school.

This land was not included in the Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan which was endorsed by HDC. The modern design of such a development would be completely out of character with the several ancient and listed buildings bordering the proposed site which could experience structural damage as a result of heavy construction equipment and lorries.

A similar development nearby has already been halted through lack of sales showing there is no call for more of the same in Barns Green.

I therefore strongly oppose this application.

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