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Subject: Objection to AWDM/1019/25 - Southview Road

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To whom it may concern,

I write to you to express my concern in regards to proposed private development, in the garden land between Southview Road, and Underdown Road in Southwick, (AWDM/1019/25).

This is not the first time that this concern has been raised; with a developer determined to build on a known flood area with no regards to the consequences to our surrounding homes.

My grounds for objecting are based upon the grounds of flooding, destruction of nature, pressure on local infrastructure. We know this area is unsafe because of the "Underground River" (the Ladywell Stream) that runs beneath it. And we know what happens when you try to build on a natural soakaway. Flooding.

Why this is dangerous for our community:

Hydraulic Overload: Southern Water data (EIR 2770) shows that during recent floods (2024), it took 75 litres per second of industrial pumping just to keep our street dry. This isn't just "surface water"—it's groundwater surging from the Ladywell system. Building here will act like a subterranean dam, forcing that water into our basements and gardens, not just in Southview and Underdown Roads, but potentially homes south of that, around and near Southwick Green

The 2024 Precedent, a Planning Inspector already ruled that development here is "harmfully discordant" and "overbearing." The developer seems to have forgotten this and is now trying to put forward plans again. July 2024 Appeal Refusal (APP/Y3805/W/23/3334241).

There are also safety & access concerns. The plans don't allow enough space for a 26-tonne refuse truck to turn. This means blocked pavements, dangerous reversing, and a hazard to our children and elderly neighbours.

The developer's own words on the flood risk were: "I'll be retired by then, they won't be able to touch me."

I sincerely hope that this is all being taken into account.

Kind regards,  
Rachel Gumbrill