

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 02/03/2026 5:00 PM from Mrs Sara Fitchett.

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of 51 To 63 Southview Road Southwick West Sussex
Proposal:	2 new dwellings with parking and associated access and amenity areas
Case Officer:	Peter Barnett

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Customer Details

Name:	Mrs Sara Fitchett
Email:	
Address:	

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Highway Access and Parking- Overdevelopment- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	<p>As a home owner of nearly 10 years on Southview Rd, I am writing to object to the planning application for the proposed development of two new dwellings on land west of 51-63 Southview Road.</p> <p>The proposed site sits directly above the underground stream that runs beneath Southview Road. This area already suffers from recurring flooding, as noted by local residents and acknowledged by our MP. The gardens on this land currently act as a natural soakaway, helping to mitigate excess water and protect surrounding homes.</p> <p>Developing the site would increase surface runoff, disrupt the underground watercourse, and place additional pressure on the wider drainage network. This creates a significant risk of worsening flooding for existing properties on both Southview Road and Underdown Road.</p> <p>Residents have consistently expressed concern that further infill development in this location is out of character with the established pattern of housing. As a home</p>

owner, I have ensured my property is being updated and in keeping with the period homes we have on this road. This application goes against all of what we stand for to maintain the beautiful architecture of our Edwardian homes. The proposed dwellings would intensify use of a narrow and already pressured area, negatively affecting the feel and coherence of this fantastic neighbourhood.

Additional homes would increase vehicle movements along roads that are already at breaking point! The cumulative impact of recent developments in the wider area has placed strain on local infrastructure, and this proposal would add unnecessarily to those pressures.

Our community has seen significant levels of new development in recent years, contributing more than enough new housing stock for the area with further construction on unsuitable and environmentally sensitive land is not driven by local need but by the financial interests of a single private developer. Planning decisions should prioritise community welfare, environmental protection, and infrastructure capacity, not the profit motives of one applicant.

The planning inspector has previously rejected development on this site multiple times, recognising the risks and unsuitability of the land. Those reasons remain valid today, and in fact are even more relevant due to increased flooding concerns and greater environmental pressures.

For the reasons above, I strongly urge the Council to refuse this application once again.

Kind regards