

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/03/2026 8:16 PM from Mrs Sandra Pouteau.

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 Sandra Pouteau
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Address:	
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
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Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
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Reasons for comment:	- Other
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Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam,
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I am writing to formally object to this planning application due to serious and ongoing flooding concerns locally.

I have now lived in Southwick for 29 years and have firsthand experience of the recurring flooding issues on my road (Southview Road) and the surrounding area which includes Underdown Road, the bottom of Cross Road and all the way down to the Green! Over the years, heavy rainfall has frequently caused the underground river that runs through this area to flood. On several occasions, this has resulted in significant disruption, damage and temporary relocation has been needed due to the interior of peoples homes becoming flooded and needing extensive work to be undertaken to be livable again.

Introducing additional development will inevitably increase the already high risk of this flooding to happen again with the likelihood for the river to be diverted closer to properties and homes that have been here since the Victorian period. I am deeply concerned that this will exacerbate the existing flooding problems, putting

homes, vehicles, and public safety at greater risk.

Given the history of flooding in this location, I strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal. People have made houses homes and have already had to suffer the consequences of the small estate which was built up Southview Road in recent years. The property Clifton Lodge, at the bottom of Underdown Road has seen 2 elderly disabled home owners completely flooded out with severe damage to their property, resulting in them needing to be rehomed into residential facilities whilst their living rooms have been pumped and then 'treated' for damp and mould. These have been from 2 separate floods and greatly contributed to the decline of their health.

After nearly three decades living here, I feel it is important that local knowledge and lived experience are properly considered in the decision-making process.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.

Kindest regards,
Esmee Pouteau
