

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/03/2026 9:00 AM from Mr Stephen Guy.

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:	Mr Stephen Guy
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
Comments:	<p>Dear Sir/ Madam,</p> <p>The above application has been made by the developer to build on the land between our road and Underdown Road. I am objecting to this development because the land on which it is proposed to build on is a flood plain, and when we experience prolonged bouts of rainfall, the area floods, as it is at present. Please see the attached photo of the area between the two roads. If the development goes ahead, and effectively blocks the water course, that water will have to go somewhere else, with incalculable consequences for the residents in both streets.</p> <p>I am also objecting to the development because it will lead to even greater weight of traffic than we in Southview Road already experience, and will also contribute to increased parking and congestion problems, in a street that is already beset with these problems.</p>

I would also like to object because the land provides a refuge for the wildlife that enriches our area, and makes it such a wonderful place to live.

And finally, I am objecting because of the massive disruption that such a development would cause for current residents, with construction vehicles going back and forth, noise levels disturbing the daily life of all of us as we have to endure the sounds of contractors equipment for weeks on end, just so that some greedy individual can line his pockets!

I would also like to point out that this application follows a number of previous applications to build on the same piece of land, all submitted by the same developer.

In 2019/2020, when he put in an application, we experienced massive flooding, as the flood water flowed down the water course of the old brook between Southview Road and Underdown Road. On that occasion, the developer was required by the planning department to use a site investigation service to ascertain what the groundwater levels were. The investigation team, Ashdown Site Investigations, dug several pits in which to place their recording equipment, but to this day we were never apprised of the results. The development was turned down.

Then, in 2023/2024, when the same developer tried again to get planning permission on the same piece of land, we again experienced massive flooding, and this time there were serious instances of sewage overflows across the whole area around Southwick Green, requiring Southern Water to run a 24 hour operation for several weeks to keep abreast of the flooding and the sewage outfalls. We believe these instances would have been much worse if that piece of land had been built on, which is why we appealed against the development then, and again, common sense prevailed and the developer was turned down.

I am submitting this objection personally, to the Development Management, but will also be sending it electronically. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,
S.J. Guy

PS I submitted my objection in writing, with an image of the flooding; the image was of the garages between Southview Road and Underdown Road, adjacent to the site of the proposed development, and built on the water course of the old brook. Photographed week commencing 23rd February, 2026

Kind regards

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