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I reside at 43 Southview Road, Southwick, and wish to formally object to the above planning application for the reasons set out below:

1. This location is prone to flooding, with incidents occurring almost annually, including in 2024, and considering the weather we are now having I wouldn't be surprised if we are flooded again this year. During such events, our gardens, garages, and surrounding areas remain submerged for several weeks. Constructing on this land would reduce its natural capacity to absorb excess water, likely increasing both the depth and spread of future flooding. It may also raise the water table during periods of heavy rainfall, potentially resulting in flooding to residential properties rather than just gardens. I have photographs of some of the flooding available should the planning authority wish to review them.
2. On-street parking is already extremely limited, as is the case in many areas. The addition of numerous new residents would significantly intensify this problem.
3. This site represents one of the few remaining green spaces in an area already affected by high levels of air pollution. Developing it would only worsen environmental conditions. Furthermore, the Council has invested in initiatives to re-green the locality, so it seems counterproductive to build on one of the limited green areas that currently help absorb carbon dioxide and other pollutants.
4. Consideration must also be given to the increased demand on existing local services, including GP surgeries and schools. Securing a GP appointment is already very difficult, and this development would further strain these essential facilities.
5. Traffic along this road has increasingly become a "rat run," particularly during peak hours. Many drivers exceed the 30 mph speed limit, creating safety concerns for residents. In addition, many households already own two or three vehicles, most of which are parked on the street, as even properties with driveways can typically accommodate only one car. Exiting a driveway or garage onto the road is already hazardous. An influx of new residents would heighten the risk of vehicle collisions and accidents involving pedestrians.

The gardens on the properties on the west side of the road have long gardens and had the central "no man's" area because the Victorians, who built many of these houses, were aware of the flooding. The area where SD Holdings is looking to build is effectively a flood risk area, and for this and all the previous reasons, I strongly urge the Adur planning authority to refuse this application, which is causing considerable concern and distress among local residents.

Attached you can see the flooding in my garden and adjacent garages. I wouldn't be surprised if the water gets even higher, as it has done in previous years.



