

Peter Barnett

17th February 2026

Case Officer

C/o Worthing Town Hall

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Dear Peter,

I am writing to you to pledge my objections to the Land Development of the Land West of 51 to 63, Southview Road, Southwick, West Sussex.

Address - **Land West of 51 to 63 Southview Road, Southwick, West Sussex.**

Proposal – 2 New Dwellings with parking and associated access and amenity areas.

APPLICATION REFERENCE – **AWDM/1019/25**

Alternative Reference – **PP-14219670**

Objections

- 1) **Flooding** -In light of the ever increasing rainfall this year and the high probability of this increasing every year. The rainfall this year has flooded the proposed site and large areas of Southwick there is now no doubt that building on the land will exacerbate the flooding. SD Holdings are fully aware that the land is a well-known and proven flood area and are still prepared to build regardless. The two new dwellings will flood the proposed houses and displace the water into Southview Road & Underdown Road gardens which are a vital natural soak away for the Ladywells Spring. Not only would floods damage property it would also lead to deterioration of health conditions owing to waterborne diseases it would also be a risk to pets and wildlife. This year there has been floating sewage in the small park off Underdown Rd.The water and sewage will also put increased pressure on or drainage infrastructure. In February 2024 there were multiple collapses of the drainage systems in the area, which is placing extreme pressure on Southern Water to provide an efficient drainage/sewage system. Southern Water have stated that where there are separate systems available Southern Water will not allow surface water to connect into the public foul sewer, have SD Holdings explored the options, the residents have not seen any evidence of this. Surely this must be taken into account when deciding if the construction should go ahead. In conclusion there will be a Hydraulic Overload as stated by Southern Water.

- 2) **Parking & Road Safety** – This proposed development would increase the number of vehicles in the area, increasing the risk to all families in Southview Road, especially children as we have already had several accidents on Southview Road and recently two near misses to children on the road as the cars were exceeding the speed limit as they cut through to the Old Shoreham Road. Parking in Southview Rd is already at full capacity. This development would increase the number of vehicles in the area causing parking congestion as there would be an overspill from houses in the development. **We have been led to believe it will take 2 years to complete the construction of the two new dwellings During this period what plans have been made for the parking of the lorries, trucks and trade vehicles. Their parking and the volume of vehicles in the area would have devastating effect on the residents of Southview Road, practically and mentally. These vehicles will also cause irreparable damage to Southview Rd. The residents of Southview Rd are dependent on the current limited parking spaces available.**
- 3) **Safety and Access**- The plans do not allow enough space for a 26 Tonne truck to turn. This means blocked pavements, dangerous reversing and hazard to our children and elderly neighbor's.
- 4) **The Development** plan is "out of keeping" with the character of Southview and Underdown Road. It's too cramped and ruins the "leafy openness" of our back gardens.
- 5) **Environment** – The increased number of vehicles during the construction and after the construction will considerably increase vehicle emissions causing catastrophic increase of air and noise pollution in the area. There would also be an increase in noise, disturbance, waste and smells. There would also be a felling of trees that would have detrimental effect on the environment .SD Holdings have a duty protect the environment.
- 6) **Ecology** – The destruction of this Green Space will have devastating consequences for local conservation, bees, badgers, foxes, hedgehogs, newts, frogs, toads, slow worms and the bats in the area. They will be effected by traffic, fragmented habitats and air & noise pollution.
- 7) **Local Infrastructure** – This development would increase the local population, more pressure on local schools and colleges which are already at over capacity. Regarding employment that is not enough local employment to accommodate the influx of an increased population.
- 8) **Existing Housing** – The families in the two existing properties will be made homeless and the two perfectly good properties will be needlessly destroyed.
- 9) **Previous Decisions** – I understand this application has been previously declined. The circumstances for declining this application have not changed.

The 2024 Appeal Win: Mention that the Planning Inspector already rejected building here in July 2024 (Ref: APP/Y3805/W/23/3334241). **They called it "harmfully discordant" and "overbearing."** **The leafiness and openness in the back gardens and beyond which can be seen in the gaps of the dwellings are important to the local character and sense of place. Since the land hasn't changed, that decision should still stand!**

10) This development would cause devastation to the area in every aspect .I believe the objections outweigh the need for SD Holdings Russell Ashby's' **financial gain**.

I do hope my objections will be taken into consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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