

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/03/2026 10:15 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
Email:	
Address:	25 Southview Road Southwick West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	I strongly object to the proposed building of the two additional houses behind 51-63 Southview Road.

The neighbourhood of Southview Road and Underdown Road suffered from flooding in 2000, 2014, 2020 and 2024. The flooding frequency is clearly increasing. Climate change is bringing wetter winters which are impacting the neighbourhood regularly and more extensively.

In 2024 the flooding led to the extended closure of Cross Road together with three other roads around the Southwick Greens because the existing drainage system was utterly overwhelmed by the increased rainfall, together with the usual run off from the South Downs and from the underground winter stream between Southview and Underdown Roads.

It is difficult to understand why anyone would propose to build properties - unless for profit - on a site that regularly suffers flooding for 3 months at a time.

If the two houses are built on the site from which the water flows, then not only will

they will suffer but this will also cause water to be further displaced into the neighbouring gardens and more importantly the houses in Southview Road and Underdown Road. Together with the surrounding areas including the Memorial Gardens, Clifton Lodge, the two Southwick Greens and the surrounding properties.

The flooding and necessary pumping around the Green created noise and diesel exhaust pollution but also makes it difficult for anyone wishing to drive or even walk around Southwick. As a result, the takings of the local shops and businesses suffer too.

A number of properties have been affected by the flooding and sewage which takes the matter to another level than just being about severe rain fall and not being able to drain the flood water away with the existing infrastructure.

In such circumstances I please urge for planning permission to be declined.
