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27 February 2026

Dear resident,

Re: AWDM/1019/25, Land West Of 51 To 63 Southview Road Southwick West Sussex

I am writing to you regarding correspondence I and your Councillors have recently received from a number of residents in the area objecting to the above planning application.

As you may be aware, the application is proposing the development of two new dwellings with parking and associated access and amenity areas, on the land west of 51 to 63 Southview Road by SD Holdings.

In my time as Member of Parliament for the area, I have witnessed and spoken to many of you regarding the recurring flooding issues which impact the proposed area of development, surrounding properties and land.

I share your concern that the proposed development would sit directly above the underground stream and would pose an obstruction to the watercourse and stream line.

As the gardens provide a vital natural soakaway for this water, I know that many of you hold concerns that development of the land may lead to unforeseen flooding issues affecting an increasing number of properties on Underdown & Southview Road, as well as having a potential knock-on impact down the stream line towards the Rest Garden.

I also acknowledge your concerns around the development being out of keeping with Southview & Underdown Road, for increased traffic pressures and the environmental impact the development poses.

Although to date in my role as your MP I have not objected to planning applications, recognising the desperate need for more suitable housing across West Sussex - I fully support the concerns you have raised with me and the strength of feeling amongst the community on this issue.

Additionally, as the planning inspector has previously rejected building on the site on a number of occasions, I appreciate that each application has been a source of increasing frustration and concern for residents.

That is why I have today written to the Planning Department raising my concerns and to ensure that your views are taken into account in the Council's consideration of this planning application.

I have also written to West Sussex County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for the area and Southern Water, requesting their response to the plans given their expertise and understanding of the historical flooding issues.

The application is currently at the consultation phase and closes for responses on Tuesday 3rd March. If you have not done so already and would like to, you can submit your response to



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the application by following the below link.

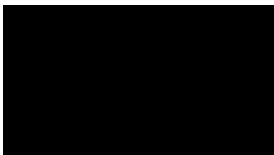
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I will of course continue to monitor the progress of this application and will update residents who have emailed me about this issue.

If you would like to receive these updates but have not already emailed me, please contact my office at tom.rutland.mp@parliament.uk

If there is ever anything else I might assist you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,



Tom Rutland MP
Member of Parliament for East Worthing and Shoreham