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24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

## OBJECTION



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Business Support

Land west of 51-63, Southview Road, Southwick, West Sussex.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. Construction of 2 new houses with parking and associated access and amenity areas.

Planning Application Reference. AWDM/1019/25

Appeal Start date: 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

Closing date: 21 days of the date on the letter.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

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.

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.

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,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

S.J. Guy



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 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026