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Subject: Objection to be registered today please for AWDM/1019/25

To: <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

For the attention of Peter Barnett- an objection to the application for planning :
AWDM/1019/25 Land West of 51 to 63 Southview Road Southwick.

Dear Sir,

I am the owner of 33 Underdown Road and have lived on the street for 10 years. Over those 10 years I have frequently witnessed the deluge of water on the opposite side of the road to me (the side that the stream runs through). My neighbours directly opposite my house at number 42 Underdown Road have often had issues with flooding in their garden after very heavy rainfall . Their long garden backs directly on to the plot in question .

My concern, is that already with heavy rainfall, a pump is periodically required to control the flooding in their garden from the stream. Therefore, what will the situation be like on that side of the street if these properties are built at the back and there is even less land to soak up the run off from the stream !

I have memories of seeing a pump opposite perhaps 5 years ago and a hose pipe working day and night taking the water from the garden into the street drain simply after a spell of heavy rain. The sustained very heavy rainfall of 2 years ago was the absolute worst and left their garden flooded for months . There actually have to be gaps in some of the fences/ garden walls on that side, to allow the excess water to flow unimpeded through a number of the gardens already.

Yes, of course properties need to be built but not on top of streams!

I also recall the sewage water in the Peace Garden at the end of Underdown Road 2 years ago as the water from the stream and drains on our road were overwhelmed and accumulated there.

The water from the Downs will always have to go somewhere and these proposed properties are only going to exacerbate an issue that is very finely balanced already with a stream and a very stretched sewage and drainage system.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Avis