

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/03/2026 12:11 AM from Miss Kathleen Lambert.

### Application Summary

Address: Land West Of 51 To 63 Southview Road Southwick West Sussex

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Proposal: 2 new dwellings with parking and associated access and amenity areas

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Case Officer: Peter Barnett

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### Customer Details

Name: Miss Kathleen Lambert

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Email:

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Address: First Floor Flat 53 Southview Road Southwick West Sussex

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### Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

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Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

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Reasons for comment:

- Highway Access and Parking
- Other
- Overdevelopment
- Privacy Light and Noise
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: I believe SD Holdings previously applied to build on the same lot in July 2024 (Ref: APP/Y3805/W/23/3334241) and were denied the planning permission to do so. I understand that some of the points made by the Inspector 19 months ago about character and appearance of the surrounding area are still relevant. He wrote "the leafiness and openness in the back gardens and beyond, which can be seen in the

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gaps between the dwellings, are important to the local suburban character and sense of place" and he called it "harmfully discordant" and "overbearing" to propose building on this land.

Furthermore, the area is subject to flooding whenever we see heavy rains, such as much of the country has experienced in the last three months of this year.

I included some photographs of the recent pond that appeared on the garden lot that SD Holdings are proposing to build on in an email I sent objecting to this development, as well as that of a ginormous puddle that appeared outside a garage (behind number 45 Southview). You can see that the ground is saturated and the water table is only rising in this area. The flooding is not in a normal circular pattern of a dip in the ground but long and thin following the path of the underground culvert. These gardens are a vital "natural soakaway" for the Ladywells springs underneath the garden. Building over them risks displacing water into our homes and roads.

One of the refusals last time was due to overbearing and loss of privacy and light which would certainly affect my property as the proposed flats would directly overlook the back of my own flat. Not only this but there are also concerns that the current access path would not be wide enough for refuse or emergency vehicles to get down and have sufficient space to turn around and exit the site. All in all, this seems like a no-brainer that this planning would continue to be refused, but I wanted to put my objections forward.

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