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Subject: URGENT OBJECTION to Planning Application: AWDM/1019/25 deadline 03.03.26

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Please find my OBJECTION to Planning Application Ref: AWDM/1019/25, proposing the development of two new dwellings with associated parking and amenity areas on the land West of 51 to 63 Southview Road, Southwick, West Sussex, by SD Holdings.

Objection reasons cited below:

Historical flooding in the area of proposed development – I have lived here for over 18 years; there is clear evidence of recurring flooding issues, which impacts the proposed area for development, surrounding properties, and land.

The proposed development sits directly above the underground stream and poses an obstruction to the water course and streamline. The gardens provide a natural soak away for this water. To build directly on this land is wholly irresponsible, with obvious damaging consequences for the new properties and existing properties on Underdown and Southview Road.

SD Holdings are aware of historical flooding and lost their previous appeal (App/Y3805/W/23/3334241) only 18 months ago (July 2024). To continue to put in repeated planning applications to build on flood risk land is at a significant cost and extremely stressful for residents. The planning application for two new houses is not offering any significant improvement to housing provision across West Sussex and will undoubtedly lead to further flooding issues affecting an increasing number of properties on Underdown and Southview Road.

In 2014, 2020, and 2024 - significant flooding in this area requiring industrial tankers operating 24/7 to keep up with 75/litres per second pumping. Residents experienced raw sewage spills in gardens and on our streets, road closures, causing major disruption and health risks to neighbours and residents of Southview Road, Underdown Road, Cross Road and Southwick Green area.

Can the planning department do anything to escalate this to senior government, to prevent repeat applications that have been refused several times for the same substantial reason?

Out of Character – the proposed development is out of keeping with the character of the Victorian houses on Southview and Underdown Road, with a loss of green space and gardens, impact to privacy and light, at a detriment to residents on both Underdown and Southview roads.

Increased traffic pressures on already busy roads, with more pollution and noise. Over the last few years, it is difficult for residents to find parking spaces, with people parking on pavements and verges. Southview Road is mainly double parked, so an increased safety risk to the residents and families with young children who regularly must

cross the roads to go to school. The building of the proposed development will cause total chaos for residents.

Environmental impact of the development on the green spaces and gardens, particularly wildlife. The area of land proposed for the development has an abundance of nature. During the 2019 application it was noted and subsequently shown there were protected species of newts in the proposed area. We believe that it would be very detrimental to species that are already in decline. Loss of trees will impact the local environment, causing loss of habitat for local wildlife impacting the natural environment. There is a protected tree in this area of land which we have seen repeated cut back and parts of removed over the years by the developer. There were several other trees here; however, they were cut down in early spring 2019 causing distress to residents as it was nesting season. Destruction of this area for construction will be devastating for the wildlife here and loss of trees will impact the underground stream.

In conclusion, I believe it would be wrong to give permission for this development go ahead. I strongly object for the above reasons and would hope the planning committee gives credence to the objections of the residents of Underdown and Southview roads.

**Sent by Leanne Reed, , Southwick, BN42 4TT (resident/homeowner since June 2007).
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