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Subject: FW: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry and Relevance to PINS 6005671 LW/24/0820 Southern Water Email 9-6-26
Date: 30 June 2026 16:08:41
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Dear Brigid and Rebecca,

Please can this and the emails below be registered as a CD in section CD20.

Details of the planning application is below and then the important email is below from Lorna Fenner-Hudson on 9-6-26 below.

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Reference Number	LW/26/0189	Received Date	01/04/2026
Additional Reference Number		Valid Date	01/04/2026
Planning Portal Reference Number	PP-14777283	Expiry Date	01/07/2026
Address	Land East Of, Ditchling Road, Wivelsfield	Target Date	27/05/2026
Location	Land East Of, Ditchling Road, Wivelsfield, East Sussex, ,	Proposal	Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of up to 62 no. dwellings
Applicant Name		Date Advertised	
Contact Name		Consultation End Date	12/06/2026
Application Type	Outline Planning Application	Committee Date	
Decision		Application Site Visit Date	
Decision Date			
Case Officer	JSMITH		

Thanks marc

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Subject: Fw: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

Hi Neil

Further to our catch up a few weeks ago I recall you were meeting with Southern Water and were going to raise the lack of capacity at Wivelsfield Wastewater Treatment Works. I don't know how your meeting went but we have had a conversation and subsequent response from Southern Water as shown below that confirms that there is "no capacity at WTTWW for any new development". Please can you ensure that this new evidence is taken into consideration for all the current planning applications awaiting decision in Wivelsfield.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thanks and kind regards
Sue

Councillor Sue Morris
Lewes District Council
Green Party District Councillor for Wivelsfield Ward
Wivelsfield Parish Councillor
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From: Councillor Richard Morris <clrrmorris@wivelsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 June 2026 18:12
To: Sue Morris <Sue.Morris@lewes.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

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From: Southern Water Planning <SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk>
Sent: 09 June 2026 13:02
To: Councillor Richard Morris <clrrmorris@wivelsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

Good morning,

Following further discussions with the modelling team an updated letter with No to capacity will be issued in due course. Although the modelling represents the asset Inlet operating at the flow to full treatment, the max volume of flow at any time that can be treated by the WTW. Flows greater than this will be stored / flood/ spill dependent on the set-up at the work.

However, further investigations with our Wastewater Process Capacity Lead have confirmed that Wivelsfield WTW does not have the headroom for new development. Unfortunately, this information was not accessed and the modelling that was previously completed did not show detriment in the network.

The network does have controls which effectively means that the flow from the development would go to an onsite pumping station and this controls what is passed forward to the wastewater treatment works. The network has capacity for this development of 62 properties, however the WTW does not have capacity.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Kind Regards

Lorna Fenner-Hudson
Future Growth Planner

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From: Councillor Richard Morris <clrrmorris@wivelsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 June 2026 11:19
To: Southern Water Planning <SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk>
Subject: Re: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

Many thanks for your quick response Lorna. I am however still baffled around my original query of how the capacity check can be approved when the system is clearly overloaded. Can you explain in more detail how this approval can be justified?

Regards

CLlr Richard Morris

From: Southern Water Planning <SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk>
Sent: 02 June 2026 13:18
To: Councillor Richard Morris <clrrmorris@wivelsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

Good afternoon,

Following discussing with our modelling team, I can confirm that a wastewater treatment capacity check has been completed as part of this capacity check and the outcome remains the same, this is a yes to capacity.

I can confirm that grid reference 534367, 120215 is correct, manhole TQ34203206.

Kind Regards

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From: Councillor Richard Morris <clrrmorris@wivelsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>
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To: Southern Water Planning <SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk>
Subject: Re: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

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Just one further note, for your consideration, is that the grid reference you quote in your response is TQ34203204, which is near Ardingly and nowhere near Wivelsfield. Can you please clarify that you have actually considered the right area in your response.

Thank you

Cllr Richard Morris

From: Southern Water Planning <SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk>
Sent: 27 May 2026 10:01
To: Councillor Richard Morris <clrrmorris@wivelsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

Good morning,

Thank you for getting in touch with the Future Growth Planning team. We appreciate your enquiry and want to assure you it's important to us.

Our team will review it and aim to respond within 10 working days.

Thank you for your patience, and we will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Lorna Fenner-Hudson
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From: Councillor Richard Morris <clrrmorris@wivelsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 27 May 2026 09:51

To: Southern Water Planning <SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk>

Subject: LW/26/0189 Planning Enquiry

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Dear Sirs,

We note with dismay the response given by Southern Water dated 6th May 2026 (ref DSA000053567) with regard to planning application LW/26/0189.

As you are presumably aware, Wivelsfield's Sewage Treatment Works has an operating capacity of 24 l/s but is regularly seeing output flows of 30 to 35 L/s, which is why it has an appalling spill record and is having to tanker waste away as standard.

Please can you explain to us therefore why you state in your response that there is adequate capacity in the system to handle the additional 6 l/s which would come from the proposed 62 houses in the planning application.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Richard Morris

Wivelsfield Parish Council

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