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Dear All,

As I have heard nothing to the contrary I will submit the attached statement from Dr John Mason and Elm Grove South Residents Association to Maria Tomolova and request that she submits it to Dan Champion of Southern Water. I will request that it be lodged on the open BN/18/20/PL planning file and a copy sent to the Chief, Neil Crowther.

I will remind Maria of the reason for this submission i.e. that a Resolution at the planning committee on the 24th June unanimously agreed that Southern Water should provide a greater deal of information in relation to the proposed scheme. For this reason, the Committee agreed to postpone a decision on the application.

The Residents Association endorse Dr. Mason's questions and look forward to Southern Water's full and detailed response. Once the questions have been answered to ours and the ADC Members' satisfaction, we will look forward to the application's timely re-appearance at a future planning committee session.

Yours sincerely,

John Donabie
Deputy Chair
Elm Grove South Residents Association.

At the Arun DC Planning meeting on 24th June 2020, a decision on application BN/18/20/PL (Variation of condition 15 imposed under EG/29/13) was deferred unanimously by the District Councillors present pending further information from Southern Water in relation to the proposed scheme.

It is suggested that these are the questions that should be put to Southern Water to enable the matter to be progressed further by our elected representatives:

Initial Question

In Southern Water's response (dated 27th June 2013) to the original application (Ref: EG/29/13) by the developer for the site at the former Brooks Nursery, Eastergate, they stated that "...there is currently inadequate capacity in the local network to provide foul and surface water sewage disposal to service the proposed development. The proposed development would increase flows to the public sewerage system, and existing properties and land may be subject to a greater risk of flooding as a result."

Is this still Southern Water's opinion?

Subsidiary Questions

If they answer **YES**, then the following questions should be asked as a follow-up:.

Since a connection to the main public sewer network is still not possible, would Southern Water be willing to advise the developer on a suitable Package Sewage Treatment Plant (PSTP) for the development and subsequently adopt this PSTP, thereby giving the residents and the Council confidence that such a solution will be properly serviced and maintained in the long term?

If they answer **NO**, then the following questions should be asked as a follow-up:

Can Southern Water describe in detail the improvements that have been made to the local public sewerage system near to the Brooks Nursery development in the past seven years that have specifically increased capacity in the local network (previously described as "inadequate") such that in Southern Water's opinion there is no longer any greater risk of flooding to existing properties and land as they stated in their original objection letter (dated 27th June 2013).

Will the ongoing works by Cappagh Browne (July 2020) on the main sewer running down the B2233 in Barnham contribute in any way to increasing the capacity of the local sewer network? These works have been labelled as "improvements" to the sewerage system. Are they really improvements or are they just repairs?

Given that Southern Water is now of the opinion that the development on the former Brooks Nursery site can now be connected to the main public sewerage system, do they agree that the optimal solution is by a direct connection to the main sewer running down the B2233 by the shortest possible, most direct route?