

Flood Risk assessment.

Dear planning,

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As is known to all our section of the river and moreover road is an extremely bad flooding area. It is a 3 level from EA. To the extent that they have applied to you the planning office for greater flood warning system to be installed.

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Historically the water has risen to mid door level on the front of the house via the road flooding. There are many films of this on YouTube.

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Previous owners who experienced the flooding advised us (having lived through two major floods) where the water enters, where it travels too and builds up.

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In their 'Lived' experience, the water travels through the front gates and to where the soakaway/animal exercise yard is. It sits and floods the stables. This is obviously a danger to our 6 horses.

5. As the water is traveling downwards from the road to the soakaway, it cannot cause any additional flooding, what is there would be there anyway.

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When the banks on our section of the river overflow (and again this is explained via the previous owners) it travels onto the fields and again builds up due to the run of the land where the soakaway has been placed.

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We have additionally built raised lawns to again soak up some water, this was also done for aesthetics of course.

8. The banking on the left is to keep the water within the field. It's not a major contribution, we also wanted a rose bank, with wild flowers.

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I must state again, that we had to comfort our mortgage and insurers of plans and that is why we have put the soakaway in place. No animal has trodden foot on it as we await your response to our application.

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Finally a community point, I am having the external soakaway that you commented looks like it goes uphill, sorted out, and am at my own cost, putting in the cattle grid drain to said soakaway, to help the flooding further.

Nothing we are doing is for the sake of it, we are fair minded people that do want to work with any and all authorities. We are also well educated people and have done proper due diligence to where the soakaway goes. It is out of sight, at a lowered level and cannot be seen from our gate. It would only ever be used to exercise our own animals.

For us personally, we are inclined to protect our animals before ourselves, our now 15 dogs and 6 horses will feel are now much better protected than before.

We hope this explanation and reasoning is acceptable to you, and again, we are openly sorry that this is taken up so much of your time.

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