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Subject: Wadswick storm drain

Dear Adam

This is another indication of a serious and fundamental issue relating to the management of surface flood water at Westwells.

Nowhere in any of the previous Wadswick planning approvals or surface water/flood management documentation is there mention of a 'storm drain' outflow. The approved documentation describes SUDS but there is no mention of any overflow requirement or identifying where it goes. Presumably this is the drain that spews water down Rowan lane out of the manhole covers when it rains. This calls into question the assumption that the installation of SUDS somehow negates the requirement for off-site water discharge once the SUDS reach full capacity.

There is no recognition that this overflow requirement exists in any of the previous planning approvals for Wadswick or an assessment of its impact down stream. Presumably this will be exacerbated by the current new build and future build proposals at Wadswick. I cannot find any indication that the LLFA was even aware of this discharge but recognise that the overflow may predate the formation of the LLFA

This is another previously hidden input into the surface water run off at Westwells that is targeted at the old MoD drain down to Spring Lane.

I don't believe the pipe line is damaged or blocked, I think the load being discharged is beyond the capacity of the MoD drain and this is generating a huge back pressure causing local flooding across the highway.

There must surely come a point when the flood risk generated by the individually isolated but cumulative nature of previous planning assumptions is formally recognised by the responsible authorities and a safe system of surface water management established.

This begs the question as to whose responsibility it is to establish and validate the total surface water load capacity being locally generated by individual planning approvals [including historic] and ensuring that the local infrastructure can deal with it safely?

If no authority is measuring or even calculating the cumulative total flood load on local infrastructure how on earth can a planning assumption be made that adding to it will not generate an unsafe situation.

I would ask that this risk be identified in respect of the planning application for the data centre in the Donkey field at Westwells.

Yours,

Morgyn Davies

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Drainage Repair Works to the side of the entrance road from Westwells Road

Please be aware that Beards will be commencing drainage repair works to the left of the entrance drive from Thursday 3rd April for a period of two weeks. (This is immediately to the side of the road in the area known as the "Donkey Field".)

Our storm drain for the village is either damaged or blocked and urgent works are needed to rectify this.

There may be some minor traffic management systems put in place during this period, and we will advise if there are any changes to the programme.

Our neighbours ARK have requested that for the avoidance of doubt, we clarify that these works are due to the results of our surveys and are nothing to do with ARK.

Scarlett's Fundraiser

Congratulations to Scarlett, who completed the Great Welsh Marathon, raising funds for a dog shelter in Nepal.