

The Rural Housing Trust

F.T.A.O. Mr I Gillespie

22.9.03

Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed development Wesley Lane/ Lamberts Marsh, Southwick Wilts.

Further to recent information given to you regarding flooding from surface and foul water in the vicinity of your proposed development, we set out below confirmation and clarification of some of the points raised.

So far this year Wessex water have been called out to deal with blockages to the sewer on 1st January, 13th February, 20th April(Easter Sunday) and five days later on 25th April. On each occasion raw sewage flooded out from the lowest manhole on the run. Wessex water responded quickly each time and sent a team with high pressure water jetting equipment to clear the blocked sewer. On each occasion all of the manholes in Lamberts Marsh, in the field opposite and on into Blind lane were full.

The main sewer running down Wesley Lane and Blind Lane is indeed 150mm Diameter pitch fibre. (Pitch fibre we have been informed does deteriorates with age and becomes oval)

All the blockages this year have occurred at various points in Blind Lane; on 25th April it was just beyond Manhole 6802. In May this year Wessex Water carried out a complete camera survey of the whole of the sewer run in Blind Lane. This sewer is fed from all of Wesley Lane, Lamberts Marsh, Dunkirk Cottage, part of Hooper's Pool and the Southfield Estate.

As there are no surface water sewers shown in this area we are sure that surface water (from the estate for example) feeds into this 150mm diameter foul sewer too! This would explain why the sewer also backs up in times of excessive rainfall. At these times the water table is very close to ground level.

After years of problems, about 2 years ago Wessex Water built a catchment pit with a non return valve incorporated in the entrance to the public footpath in Lamberts Marsh and adjacent to the proposed development, but this does not appear to have improved the situation.

We have enclosed copies of photographs showing general surface water flooding in Lamberts Marsh for your perusal.

In conclusion we do not think it appropriate to site the proposed development in an area subject to general flooding and connecting into a sewer unable to cope with the existing situation and we urge you to give the points we have raised serious consideration

Yours faithfully

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