



Cllr John Fuller
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Monday 16th March 2021

Dear John,

Reference: 2020/2298 – Erection of 14 dwellings on land to the south of Friarscroft Lane, Wymondham, Norfolk

I am writing to you to highlight my concerns about the proposals to build 14 dwellings on land to the south of Friarscroft Lane, Wymondham.

As you will be aware, many parts of Norfolk were badly hit by heavy rainfall back in December, and in the first couple of months of this year. The flooding caused followed similar problems back in the summer of 2020, and on several occasions over the preceding few years – continuing an increasingly common trend. (That’s why, through the Mid Norfolk Flood Partnership that I have set up, I am working with local councillors and community groups to feed local views into Lord Dannatt’s Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance).

In Wymondham specifically, over the past few months, I have been contacted by a growing number of constituents concerned by the high level of the River Tiffey (which this site passes near). Each time there is moderate-heavy rainfall, there is a wave of correspondence worried that the River will burst its banks and, having seen first-hand how high it has got numerous times over the past couple of years, I understand their fears.

I am aware that the site in question is itself prone to flooding (as is much of the locality) and, given that the application would involve relatively dense development in close proximity to the Tiffey, I do share local concerns that the proposed dwellings could exacerbate the current problems being faced in the area. I believe that Anglian Water themselves have expressed their own concerns too.

In light of the increasingly frequent heavy rainfall events affecting our part of the world, accompanied by some very “close-shaves” and, from time to time, bad flooding, I would urge the Council to give particular consideration to this issue. Approval should not be given unless, and until, a proper flooding mitigation plan is developed and put in place – which Anglian Water and the local authorities are satisfied will alleviate any increase in flooding that these new properties could inadvertently cause.

I’d appreciate you sharing this letter with the members of the Planning Committee.

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Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George".

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