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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to object to the plan for Brinklow. I invite you to visit the village which is at present, nothing short of an island - surrounded by flood water from the smite and Tutbury streams.

This flooding has been getting worse year-on-year as more people move in to the village and tarmac and pave over grassed areas along with the new builds that have sprung up taking away soak up pastures.

The rear lawn of my property in Heath Lane resembles a wetland with sizeable pools of water remaining for days after rainfall. Indeed Heath Lane itself flooded considerably last year, the first time I have witnessed this in the 65 years I have lived in the village.

The local sewer plant overspill feeds in to the Smite which itself feeds in to the pools at Coombe which are SSSI designated.

In the summer months the Smite dries up completely - in both scenarios, where will overspill for an additional 300+ houses go?

The ancient former ridge and furrow land on which the plan is based is full of ancient artifacts which were ruthlessly ploughed over by Tony Aston overnight one evening in the late 80's days in advance of legislation making ridge and furrow land protected as ancient monuments.

Indeed when I was very young my grandparents and us kids buried one of the Victorian bottles which we found on the edge of the field with information on the village history and our school nature project.

As one of the longest residing residents in the village with great knowledge on every facet of the village, I object in the very strongest terms.

The green belt doesn't just serve as a barrier to prevent sprawling development, it serves a very real purpose in the lives of everyone.

Regards
Matthew Wright



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