

I am dismayed and very disappointed to see that this proposal is still being considered despite the residents strong and reasonable objections throughout the stages of SAMdev.

The land lies on a recognized flood

plain and any development would go against the current government policy. Mr Owen Patterson said on radio on Monday morning that he would not agree to any such planning especially considering the devastating consequences we have had this winter. As well as being a flood plain, where one cannot obtain an insurance quote on the building or contents, there is a considerably high water table. Both my neighbor and I regularly have to take action to prevent egress of the water to our property. The gardens are covered with water from the field and we are in jeopardy of our homes being flooded if it were not for our preventative actions. My neighbor who is in her 80's has had to get the council to supply and lay sandbags to prevent her house being flooded.

This happens nearly every winter and not just in the weather conditions this last season.

The field is always marshy adjacent to my property (where they plan to build) so much so that they cannot drive the tractors etc. over it for fear of being bogged down.

Following the

devastating evidence this year of houses built on flood plains I cannot understand why this site in preference to other "dry" sites in Wem is being considered yet again. Similar proposals for this agricultural field have been rejected by the Council on at least four other occasions.

This estate has over the years suffered with problems with the sewerage systems being inadequate. So much so that Severn Trent have on many occasions had to pump out the drains to prevent the back flow into our pipes. Until adequate drainage is installed the suggestion of more effluent being put in the drains is beyond comprehension.

I would most strongly urge our councilors to reject this wholly inappropriate proposal.

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