

Planning Application - 012 site Tilley Wem

I am shocked and surprised to hear that an application has again been submitted for consideration for a build of a now reduced number of 10 houses on the flood plain known as WEM 012 on the above land. It has been broadcast on both TV and Radio Shropshire by The RT Hon Owen Patterson, Secretary for the Environment (also MP for North Shropshire) that he would NOT allow building on land designated as a 'floodplain'.

Areas of this field have been flooded for a considerable length of time during this last winter, which could be clearly viewed from my bedroom window, photographs have been submitted to you by Mr M Williams, to back up this fact. The water table is high, consequently gardens of adjoining properties to the field have been flooded to such an extent that one elderly resident had sandbags delivered by the Council to prevent flood water entering her home.

Why I ask is further planning being considered when a decision to refuse building on this field has been taken on 3 previous occasions. This does defy reason. The cost for infrastructure to be put in place on this flooded marshy ground would render cost of building properties a prohibitive final cost to purchasers.

In other respects there have been calls to Severn Trent, and reported to Shropshire Councillors with again photographs taken, to clear blockages on a weekly basis both during the day and night, and extensive repairs were required to be carried out to the collapsed drain in Sun Grove. The surface of the roads both in Roden Grove and Sun Grove are in an appalling state now with visible cracking appearing and numerous potholes appearing which are being filled and refilled on a regular basis. The camber of the road is built up to such an extent and as happened to myself in icy weather conditions last year, my car just slid being out of control, on the corner, down into the pavement, and had a vehicle been parked or a pedestrian walking I was powerless to prevent a minor accident occurring.

With limited parking on properties driveways, vehicles are parked on the road side rendering passing difficult with insufficient room to manoeuvre especially when larger vehicles are parked. The road is just too narrow to take further traffic. I read on the BBC Red Button recently that shortly it will be made an offence for vehicles to park on pavements so taking that option to allow more road space, will no longer be available to motorists.

On the question of Insurance, current policyholders have been refused alternative Insurance Quotations by Insurance Companies on the grounds their

properties border a flood plain, and unless the Government intervenes cover will be impossible to acquire and even if Companies are compelled to offer cover the premiums will be unaffordable leaving many householders, I suspect, without cover.

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