

Sirs, Maam, Members of the Ex Auth.

I am Kim Morgan and I have lived in Corston for over three decades, I care deeply about the local environment and fully support the transition to green energy. However, supporting renewables in principle does not mean supporting every project in practice. I am here to formally object to this proposal.

Since 1996, I have witnessed five serious flood events in our village where housing and businesses have been deluged by the Gauze Brook flood waters and surface water runoff from the surrounding fields. When it rains heavily, the Main Road bridge North of the village restricts the floodwater, and the water rises quickly. At the same time, surface water runoff from elevated fields to the South overflow the ditches along the A429 and stream down the road into the village. Hemmed in to the North with heavy runoff from the South, Corston is a basin for these flood waters where they inevitably collect along the highway before penetrating homes and businesses.

As supportive neighbours we try our best, we struggle to wade around in effluent filled flood water, often in the dark, in ever increasing water depth, carrying furniture, filling sandbags and comforting despondent friends. When the waters recede the drama continues with clean up and disinfection activities. The cost of repairs, increased insurance premiums and continued mental fatigue are everlasting and devastating.

I have read the flood risk documentation from cover to cover and found it lacking in many significant areas. The true flood risk posed by this development has been grossly underestimated - this is causing great angst amongst the Corston community -

- The Flood Risk Assessments fail to quantify surface water runoff outside of the development area
- There is limited and obscured modelling of extreme rainfall and exceedance flows.
- There is no convincing evidence for where surface water will go during heavy rain.
- The drainage strategy does not show that runoff rates will be controlled to greenfield levels or that downstream impacts have been assessed and mitigated.

Government Policy for Flood risk management includes surface water flooding as a Civil Emergency in the National Risk Register with direction to reduce this risk and to ensure that it is managed in all new developments. The true flood risk posed by this development has been overlooked.

'Green' progress should never come at the cost of drowning a downstream neighbour.

So, my question for the Examining Authority is - 'Will you let our village become a casualty of this project?'

Thank you for your time.