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Interested Party Reference number: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

I was the 11th speaker today and was asked to submit a map showing the bridge I referenced. I am not sure whether this suffices or whether it should be uploaded to a portal. My house is edged black and the location of the bridge is high-lighted in yellow.

Please could you advise whether this is satisfactory or whether it needs to be uploaded somewhere by me? If the latter please direct me to the location.

I also attach my speaking notes for reference.

Map

Sir(s), Madam(s),

My name is Darren Rawlings.

Come May I will have lived in the house [REDACTED] of the A429 road bridge over the Gauze Brook in Corston for 23 years.

I am concerned that, if the scheme goes ahead, the risk of flooding of my home would be significantly exacerbated.

During my tenure my home has flooded four times. On two of these occasions it has been rendered uninhabitable. On the first occasion, following flooding in November 2012, reinstatement took a little over a year. The most recent event happened in November 2024 and we are expecting reinstatement to be complete in October 2026.

In the November 2024 flood the depth of the water increased steadily until the capacity of the two apertures of the bridge was exhausted. Then the water rose much more quickly until the water overtopped the road.

The November 2024 event has been described as a 1 in 40-year event. The sensitivity of my home to the risk has undoubtedly been badly affected by the constriction caused by the road bridge coupled with the historic upstream straightening of the Gauze Brook away from its naturally meandering course that was used to define the parish boundary.

As a nation we need to get to net-zero and solar is undoubtedly a very important part of that. But any scheme that is approved needs to include mitigation to its impact on the flood risk to the already built environment recognising specifics such as the inadequate apertures of the A429 road bridge in Corston coupled with historic straightening of the Gauze Brook.

Adequate attenuation within the scheme is essential. I do not believe that the scheme currently includes attenuation that will prevent my home being flooded more frequently than it otherwise would be.

Thank you.

