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Subject: Planning Consultation: Charnwood HA16 and HA17

Mr Richard Bennett, Head of Planning and Regeneration.

Dear Sir,

The purpose of my message is, in accordance with the consultation process that ends at 17h00 on Monday 23 August 2021, to question the soundness of the proposed plan for areas HA16 and HA17.

Background.
We have lived at [redacted]
This house is a converted barn that stood in the yard of the Moat House, which is a listed building.
The Moat House was the game keepers lodge for King Henry VIII when this valley was one of the king's royal deer parks.
There are nine houses in close proximity to the Moat House.
One of the houses is built on land that straddles the Moat Brook and has a listed Victorian bridge that forms a constriction or pinching point in the Moat Brook.
During the 33 years that we have lived here, there have been five flood events.
The most recent flood occurred on 1 October 2019. Some of the houses were flooded to such an extent that the occupants were forced to vacate them for extended periods of at least six months.
I would be happy to show you the video material that I took on the day of the last flood.
When we objected to the development of Beck Crescent we were assured that our homes would not be flooded. This has been proven to be wrong.

Our Actions.
We have engaged with our members of parliament and various officials over the now almost two years since the last flood, to no avail.
We have been told that a model would be created to evaluate the flood risk of this valley. We have not been shown anything.
We have been told that an investigation would be carried out.
Then we were told that the report was being peer reviewed.
Almost two years on and we have received nothing.

The Plan.
Now we are informed that additional housing is being planned in an area that is clearly a high flood risk area because of the unique pinching point that is the result of a listed structure.
This will result in large volumes of run-off water from new roofs and new streets coming down the valley and into the town, exacerbating the flooding that has already been experienced, not only in our area but also all the way down into town.
The documents relating to HA16 and HA17 indicate “Flood Risk: Site more than 70% within Flood Zone 1”

The Remedy
I have attended the council offices and looked at the documents that were made available to me.

I do not see any mention of flood mitigation planning nor any protection that is being offered in the plan to us and all those people downstream, who will most assuredly experience further - and worse - flooding if this plan is implemented without modification.

We as residents have taken all the reasonable mitigation steps that we can. We have received no help in this whatsoever.

According to the Internet:

In the National Planning Policy Framework, most recently updated in June 2019, the Government says that “**inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk**”.21 Jun 2021

What does this statement mean for us?

It appears to me that the plan as shown accepts that we will be flooded but that no measures have been considered or proposed to help us to keep our homes dry.

Consequently I have no alternative but to object to this plan and to ask that it please be reviewed.

Regards,

J C L Kruger
Chairman Bramcote Road Flood Action Group.