

[REDACTED] There are currently existing pylons in the field next door. We have had to address numerous issues connected to surface water, both rainfall and run-off during our time here. Our concerns related to this project extend to the wider impact on the environment of course. Disruption, view, wildlife, eco system.

However, from a purely personal point of view, the past two storms have presented yet more challenges with flooding. The government website clearly states and shows that we are at high risk of long term flooding from surface water (see attached screenshots) and we are very concerned about the environmental impact of the foundations needed for these pylons.

The field in which the existing and proposed pylon is located slopes down towards our property and no ditches or water management are present on the land owners side. We have gone to huge expense to put in place ways of managing our own rainfall and the run-off from the field. In the region of £50k so far. The past two storms, Babet and Ciaron, have seen us resort to the use of an emergency sump pump which was utilised for many hours on both days, simply to manage the level of water, not reduce it, to avoid flooding our property.

How will these, not insignificant, foundations affect the surface water issue already present, not only at our property, but many others too no doubt?

Our home represents a huge investment for us on many levels, as I am sure is the same with most, and forms a major part of our retirement plan.

Lately, days of sustained rainfall have seen us unable to leave home for any period of time, due to having to monitor ditches on our property in case pumps need to be used literally to avoid flooding inside our home.

This may sound rather dramatic, but for us this is a very real, not to mention expensive problem that is worsening with the obvious climate change.