

I write with regard to the impact of increased flooding in the area in which the construction work is to take place. At a recent meeting by Newark and Sherwood Planning Committee several members raised their concerns about the impact of building on floodplains will have to the surrounding properties and land. They also raised concerns regarding the viability of the mitigation processes, how useful will they be, will they be in place from the very beginning of the construction work and will they be maintained on a regular basis? The gullies and culverts that were created around the cattlemarket roundabout when the original A46 bypass was constructed are not fit for purpose as they are not maintained and are completely overgrown, will the same thing happen with the proposed mitigation structures proposed for this next stage of the Bypass. Flooding in the area has in recent years become much more prevalent with extensive flooding most years, this proposed construction work will inevitably only create an even bigger problem for the surrounding area. I have attached an aerial photo taken from the roof of Newark Sugar Factory showing the extent of flooding in the area, that takes place most winters.

One last point, very often the cause of heavy traffic on the A46 is often due to issues on the A1, this is clearly a very dangerous stretch of road and I feel that this should be the priority for Newark and surrounding area.

