

Further Information for the ExA
ELMESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
9th January 2024

Dear Sirs

We would like to provide an update on some occurrences that have happened very recently within our locality; these incidences are unlikely to be included in official reports before the end of the Examination period, however we believe that it is important for you to be aware of these issues in order for you to understand the challenges our old villages, and drainage systems, encounter.

Sewerage/Drainage:

The pumping Station located at Bostock Close experienced failures. Severn Trent were present for 24 hours a day for several days pumping out water in tankers and removing it by road until it resolved.

We advised at Deadline 3 of sewerage floods from the Severn Trent mainline due to root ingress. Unfortunately since Deadline 3, a property experienced another sewer blockage, from further root ingress in the Severn Trent mainline. The mainline was identified as in need of patchwork repair and took Severn Trent several weeks to repair.

The site of the new crematorium being built upon the roundabout where B4668 meets the A47 also experienced major issues. Again, Severn Trent tankers were required to pump and remove water by road for a period of several days.

These instances did not occur during periods of heavy rain, although this was in December where water levels may naturally be a little higher. All the above are indicative of the already overwhelmed and failing sewerage and drainage systems in and around our village. Serious thought needs to be given as how to responsibly ensure that a development of this size is implemented considering the issues experienced currently.

Flooding

The beginning of 2024 started with the arrival of Storm Henk.

Bostock Close experienced intensely overflowing mains and the stream that runs along the back of Bostock Close (highlighted in previous representations) experienced extremely high levels, which rose in the space of 3 hours, and almost completely submerged entire gardens.

There was a report of a property along Station Road B581 that experienced flooding and consequently electrical failure as a result of groundwater run off. Reports of flooding on/around Bridlepath Road/Billington Road East and West crossroads were also received.

Outside of Elmesthorpe there was severe flooding on all nearly all access routes to Sapcote preventing vehicular access, on B581 in Stoney Stanton threatening homes (emergency response from local authorities to pump out properties), restricted vehicular access due to flooding on junction of B581 Broughton Road to B4114 Coventry Road, and perhaps the most severe of flooding happened in Sharnford with there being no access for vehicles at all through the village and many homes and premises internally flooded. All of these routes are identified as important routes associated with the proposed development.

Whilst we appreciate that storms are unusual weather, the frequency of extreme weather systems in the UK is increasing and should be duly considered.

Yours sincerely,
Elmesthorpe Parish Council

Stream adjacent to Bostock Close 2nd January 2024 1pm



Stream adjacent to Bostock Close 2nd January 2024 4pm



Garden on Bostock Close 2nd January 2024

