

Dear

I agree with your worries and concerns totally, I am still at a loss as to why the WODC has really recommended the east over the much preferred west option. I know full well that no development will be met with open arms by any of the villages surrounding Carterton. Of the three proposals the west option was selected by the Carterton Town Council (of which I have never been a member) as being the one that would be furthest away from the villages, and afforded the best option all round (if their really is one).

I am totally against the east option because of many other aspects as well as flooding. However, I do not believe that 'alleviation measures' can possibly work to reduce potential and already very real flooding issues on the east site for Brize Norton for the reasons you mention.

I will argue for the west option until the vote is taken deciding which option is selected, and will argue against the east option until the vote is taken.

Kind Regards

Mick Brennan

Original letter

Dear Cllr Brennan

6 December 2012

Flood Risk. Local Plan

I am deeply concerned by the proposal to build at least 700 new houses on the East Carterton site. The village of Brize Norton lies 10-15 m lower than the proposed site and is already subject to **regular flooding- several times every year**, even several times in a single month if rainfall is heavy. It is particularly bad at the Bampton end of Station Road and Burford Road. The water also covers the road at the entrance to the village on Carterton Road. The problems have got much worse since Shilton Park was built.

The village is proud to be part of the **Repatriation Route** but we are very concerned about potential disruption to repatriations if the flooding worsens.

The proposed site may not be at risk from flooding itself but the increased run off from such a large development will have a **severe impact** on the inhabitants of Brize Norton. The two ditches that run down each side of the village are already full to capacity. **Raw sewage overflows** into a field adjacent to housing in the village and many residents are already suffering from toilets which cannot be flushed after heavy rain. Not only is this a great inconvenience it is also a **public health risk**.

The planners at the consultation meeting in Elderbank Hall, Brize Norton on 27 November were repeatedly asked to explain what measures would be put in place to prevent further flooding. They could not provide a satisfactory answer. **Why? because there is no answer**. The area cannot support a balancing pond as proposed because the natural water table is too high here- as evidenced by the springs on the proposed site. There is therefore **no** simple physical **solution** to the increased run off problem and our village will suffer.

Why plan to build a development which will have such a direct and devastating impact on an entire community? **The Draft Plan clearly states that there should be no increased risk of flooding as a result of development.** There is a better and infinitely more viable alternative- the west site. There would be virtually no direct impact to local residents other than a visual one for drivers, and there is ample space to build attractive flood control measures which would reduce, not increase, flood risk to downstream areas.

Yours sincerely