

## **Written Deputation – Jonathan Warburton – 6(2) – Meon Bye Farm**

As the property owners whose garden is adjacent to the western boundary at the northern end of the site under consideration, we would raise the following points. In order for the Committee to be able to undertake a considered and informed decision regarding the application, it is necessary to have full and accurate information which, unfortunately, is currently not the case.

Prior to making some specific comments to correct factual inaccuracies in the Officer Report dated 22 May 2024, we would strongly dispute that the works undertaken have resulted in improved drainage. Our driveway and garden have never flooded until January 2024 when the new pipe designed to take the water at the northern end of the field was unable to cope with the volume. Consequently, Triangle Lane flooded on the corner of the road adjacent to the field (impassable to cars) and the flood water found an exit through our driveway and back garden causing some damage. Since then, our garden has been saturated with water standing along our eastern boundary (the western boundary of the field) for much of the time. We have NEVER suffered from this problem before.

Regarding the Officer Report, paragraph 3.2 states:

“The changes to the levels have been made to allow the runoff water..... into two conveyancing channels created along the east and west boundaries, which remain at the same levels of the original land, to carry runoff surface water to the pond at the south of the site.”

There is no conveyancing channel on the west boundary (i.e. adjacent to our property) or east. The field has been raised by 88cm (the width of four scaffold boards) at our boundary. To state that a) there is a channel and b) it is at the original height of the field is simply WRONG. There is no channel and the field is significantly higher than the original height. In a desperate attempt to prevent further flooding on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 an emergency channel was hastily dug but that is very shallow, incomplete and well above the height of the original field. Paragraph 8.7 repeats this incorrect statement.

Paragraph 8.23 states:

“No trees or hedgerows have been removed.....”.

This is totally incorrect. A mature hedgerow and tree to the south of our property on the western border of the field was removed. Photographs are available if needed.