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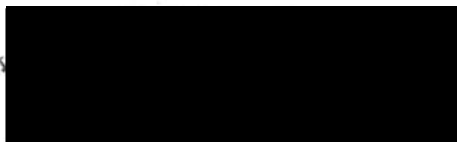
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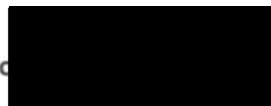
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To whom it may concern,

09/01/14

I apologise in advance if this issue has already been dealt with but I feel that it is extremely important to raise the point especially after the weather conditions that we have just experienced which are compounded by the proximity of the Crown Meadows to the river Stour and the problems that will arise from this.

As you probably know the issue of cost for providing adequate water defences are currently being discussed in Parliament to address the point of who should pay for this aspect, whether it should be the tax payer or the building contractor, if it proves to be the tax payer then we will all have to contribute to the defences if the Crown Meadows is the chosen site or alternatively if it is the contractor then the associated costs will be passed on to the purchaser adding quite a substantial cost to the house price at the initial purchasing stage, this will also be compounded by the potential for extremely high building insurance costs for the owner, that is if in fact they can actually get insurance cover because of the high risk area of the site.

In discussions with some friends of mine who actually live in an area of high risk they have had their premiums doubled in the last few weeks due to the extremely bad weather conditions that have prevailed even though their property has not been flooded and there are already defences in place, when questioned the insurance company responded with a statement that merely said due to the risk factor they felt that it was prudent to raise the cost just in case and also if the client did not want to pay the increased levy then the company would rescind the cover, this tells me that if the site at the Crown Meadows was selected there would be a situation whereby the insurance companies could name their price even though flood defences were place.

Also even if the defences proved very successful the water still has to go somewhere and that just means somebody else somewhere will bear the brunt of the floods, the water just does not disappear, nature has a funny way of getting what it wants when it wants and where it wants.

Therefore to alleviate this potential cost and risk would it not be sensible to opt for the alternative site which would see this aspect disappear from the agenda and also allow work to start more or less immediately.

In summary I fully support the alternative site as I believe that the Crown Meadows should stay as they are, over the years most of the farm land and green sites around Blandford have been snatched up and there is not very much left and that area certainly would not be enhanced by any building work of any kind, however my concerns raised above may result in somebody taking notice of the obvious risk and rethink the situation and let common sense prevail.

S Montgomery



The Stour Meadows underwater, pictured from Bryanston Woods, shows the extent of flooding close to the land on which the Crown Estates would like to build. *Picture by Nicci Brown*



ABOVE:
Blandford's Marsh and Ham recreation area and car park under water. *Picture by Nicci Brown*

LEFT:
Sherborne's Pageant Gardens on Tuesday. *Picture by Christina Angelucci*



The River Stour floods across the fields. *Picture by John Kay*

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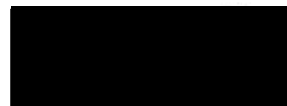
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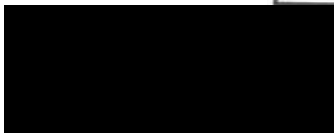
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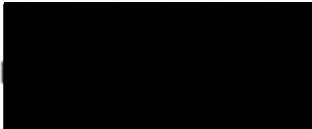
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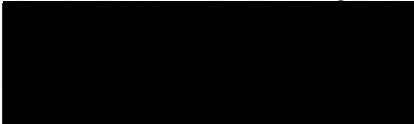
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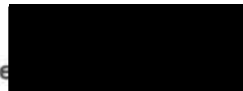


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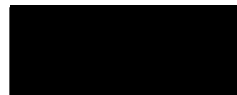
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