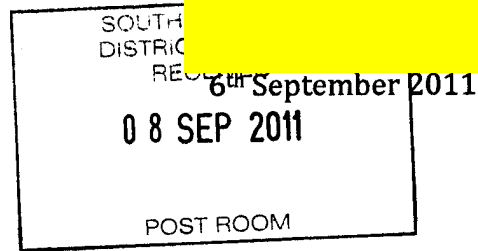


SLDC Development Plans Officer
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Dear Sir,

Re proposed land allocation for housing development in the Castle ward

I have hesitated to objecting to the proposed housing development on the grounds of 'not in my back yard' nevertheless the extent of the proposed land allocation is very extensive and will impact severely on the immediate neighbourhood.

My objection relates primarily to the inevitable increased risk of flooding. The relatively recent investment in the Stock Beck relief scheme is clearly inadequate to deal with a significant increase in housing in the areas identified on the consultation document, viz R124, R616, R676, R121, R141, R56, R100

The flood lagoon has already been overwhelmed on three occasions and this demonstrates the limit of its capacity. Any new developer will clearly endeavour to limit his cost and responsibility to do the minimum to protect those properties lower down who will be most affected by the increased risks.

It is irresponsible of the planning authorities to permit further significant development without having witnessed the investment in further flood protection measures which demonstrably satisfy the legitimate concerns of those whose very properties are at risk. Placing obligations on the developers as part of the development process is not an acceptable way forward.

In summary no planning permission should be granted for development in the areas indicated above until the large and appropriate investment has been made to protect people and properties most at risk.

Yours faithfully

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