

# Albourne Parish Council – Statement for draft District Plan

## Flooding issues

Albourne Parish residents have a great concern that the proposed development DPSC3 will increase flooding in the area.

The residents are continually having flooding problems both on land within the Parish, and highways, and some residents' homes and Albourne Parish Council wish to evidence this.

The existing sewers do not have the capacity to drain the existing homes and highways. A development of 4 homes off London Road caused flooding in nearby homes during construction, and are they are still having problems with the need to be pumped, years after the development has been completed.

Although the developments within the redline plans will be designed with attenuation APC's concerns is with regards to what happens to foul and surface water after it leaves the red line boundaries which currently flood. Currently DPSC4, 27 dwelling, DPSC6, 100 dwellings, DPSC5, 210 dwellings all discharge into 150mm diameter combined sewers which are already over capacity. DPSC3 1,850 dwellings, also currently would drain into a 150mm diameter pipe.

Create Consulting Engineers Ltd were instructed by Berkeley Latimer to provide engineering consultancy advice with respect to the delivery of water-based infrastructure required to service a proposed new development of 2,000 homes known as Sayers Common. This advice is provided in a **Flood Risk and Drainage Strategy** dated September 2023. The proposed foul water strategy involves the **construction of a new Waste Water Treatment Works (WwTW)** to be located on land to the north east of Sayers Common to the east of the A23. In the report Create state that it is understood that *there have been flooding issues in the area* and also *it is understood that there have been flooding issues associated with the existing Sayers Common pumping station, so it is proposed that the foul water flows from this pumping station will be diverted to a new terminal pumping station.*

Detailed discussions have taken place by Berkeley Latimer and their consultants with Southern Water who said they are interested in adopting WwTW. The conclusion states

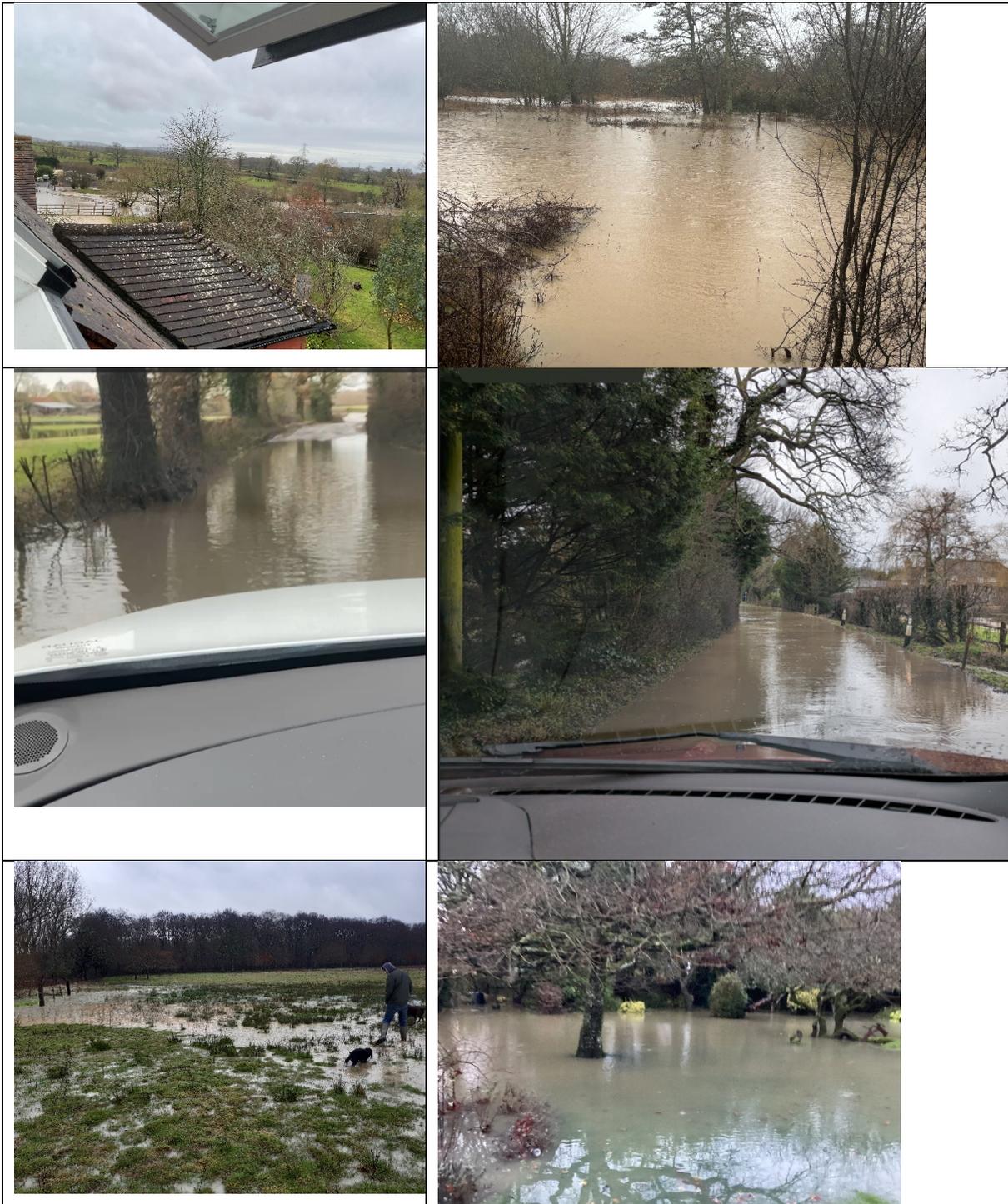
*The proposed foul water strategy for the Site, **is to include** a new WWTW which is to be located on land to the east of the A23 with access taken from the Mill Lane. The land is controlled by Berkeley Latimer and is therefore deliverable and can be brought forward alongside the current proposals without affecting development capacity on site.*

It is quiet clear that the whole drainage system will need totally upgrading.

**The proposed new Waste Water Treatment Works and upgrade of the adopted drains is key to the development progressing.**

The Flood Risk and Drainage Strategy states that some new homes can be delivered prior to the proposed WwTW coming on stream. **Albourne Parish Council believes it is imperative that the existing adopted drainage system is upgraded, together with the proposed new pumping station BEFORE any of the developments drain into the adopted system.**

Below are just a few photographs that residents have sent to the Parish Council to show their concerns.





**For Albourne Parish Council**