

Comment on Rother Local Plan public consultation from Margaret Howie of

The entire Wakeham's Pond Field is a FLOOD ZONE.

Our garden abuts the North West corner of the field which floods when there is heavy rain. There was standing water in the field from early October 2023 to late April 2024.

There are drainage ditches to take the water away and protect our garden that slopes down from the North West corner of Pond Field and our garden becomes flooded following rainfall on Pond Field.

Attached are photos of the amount of flooding and firemen having to pump out our gardens in November 2023. The extent of this flooding caused us to be marooned on many occasions as the water was deeper than our wellingtons.

The garden is like a marsh through out the winter months and the flooding has killed the Trees, Shrub's and part of the Hedging in the front garden.

Following rainfall, the level of the rain water standing at the back right hand corner of our house is up to the damp course.

If houses are given permission on Pond Field even more water run-off will come on to my property and will make life quite impossible for me as well as running my garden.

I call on Rother DC to listen to the 2022 Appeal Hearing Inspector, take account of his findings that the risk of ground water flooding is too high and that extra houses would make sewage pollution matters worse and de-I locate Pond Field in the new Rotherh Plan.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Howie.

