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Mrs Christine Self,  
Homefield House,  
Homefield Road,  
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Dear Mrs Self,

**PMM 2 North East Yeovil Sustainable Development- South Somerset District Council Local Plan 2006- 2028. Thursday 12 June.**

Despite registering my objections to the proposed development in Upper Mudford in January 2014, I draw your attention to the fact that I have not received a copy of Mr Hogger's programme for his hearings into Major Modification (MM) to the South Somerset District Council Local Plan 2006-2028 and accompanying documentation. I have only heard about this today by word of mouth from a local resident, less than 24 hours before the deadline for submission of statements, and immediately before a bank holiday. I wonder how many other objectors to this scheme have not been informed of this programme ?

I would like to reinforce my objections to the proposed North East Yeovil Sustainable Urban Extension on the grounds of flood risk. The flooding which occurred in Somerset during the winter of 2013/2014, and after the deadline for submission of objections to the MMs, was headline national news for several weeks, irreparably damaging the Somerset villages of Mulcheney and Burrowbridge. Flood water here had originated in part from flood water running directly into the River Yeo at Mudford. Levels of flood water in Mudford were at their highest level in my recollection of living in this area for 24 years. Mudford is in an acutely vulnerable area where run off from the adjacent hills has a near simultaneous impact on river levels. During this past winter not only were the adjacent fields submerged under water, but also flooding extended back to several Mudford residents' homes, the garage show room and the pub, the Half Moon. Photographic evidence of this is attached.

The proposal can only substantially exacerbate the already dangerous volumes of water in the River Yeo. Inevitably the proposed development will increase the surface area, resulting in augmented run-off directly into the River Yeo above the point where it floods.

Any flooding mitigation scheme, such as SuDS, must have the capacity to absorb the increased run off from the SUE at Upper Mudford, irrespective of the additional costs involved. Unless legally enforceable conditions and severe penalty clauses are included in any development scheme, I do not believe that an effective water retaining scheme will be built at the expense of housing. Developers in this area have a reputation of failing to honour promises made to include community amenities.

I ask the removal from PMM2 of the proposed Upper Mudford extension unless legally enforceable guarantees can be given that there will be no increase in run-off in to the River Yeo.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Roger Kipling

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Mudford Church seen over the river