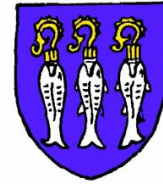


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Dear Mr Kilmartin:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS 3/2016/0064 & 3/20160066

The plans concern alterations to the surface water drainage arrangements for the Lawsonsteads development.

Councillors note the documentation presented and defer to your knowledge and expertise as to the accuracy of the calculations.

However, councillors have registered dismay in relation to the management of the outflow. The balancing ponds are intended to intercept and store surface run-off up to the level of "100year event +30%". Frankly Whalley residents and businesses have little regard for politicians and so called experts who pontificate whilst their homes and business are awash with water.

The proposals are only to intercept and store water. Logically they are a delay mechanism. Consequently the run off must discharge into local watercourses and public sewers. The public sewer in question is under Clitheroe Road which in turn is channelled to the King St culvert. The local watercourse is the brook that is culverted at the end of Brookside Close. This joins the public sewer water(as above) and continues under King St Whalley.

In light of the incontrovertible historical and recent evidence the King St culvert lacks the capacity to deal effectively with excess storm water. Parish Councillors question whether consideration has been considered regarding the consequences to the inhabitants of Whalley by adding yet more storm water to an already overburdened system.

In considering the above, Parish Councillors do not wish to be in turn referred to United Utilities, LCC, Environmental Agency etc. They ask that RVBC officers and Councillors ensure in their analysis of these applications that the safety and welfare of Whalley residents is at the centre of their deliberations.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Holland', is written over a horizontal line.

Fred Holland

Clerk to Whalley Parish Council