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## Dear Sir/Madam

In light of the continued proposed planning application for development on the land on Accrington Road, Whalley, I wish to report that the land there was absolutely saturated, and still is, from the heavy rainfall over the New Year period 2025. Large areas, particularly towards the houses that adjoin the field, were completely flooded and became ponds/lille lakes.

Building on this land is of huge concern to me. That field always acts as a natural sponge in wet weather and serves to protect this area from worse flooding than already exists. Building on this land is fraught with problems and implications and I truly feel that we tamper with nature's fine balance at our own peril and folly.

I know that a water holding tank has been proposed, but those don't appear to be the magic bullet that they are purported to be (eg the new build estate in Billington).

Can I take this opportunity to urge RVBC Planning Officers to continue to rigorously challenge the suitability of any future development plans for this land as I'm convinced that Whalley's flooding future is very precariously balanced; Whalley can't sustain the current rate and nature of development.

Regards,