

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

13th February, 2008

Proposed Discussion Topics and Questions

1. Severn Trent to give if possible an outline and presentation of their role and what responsibilities they have during flooding situations along with an explanation as to what contingency plans they carry out.
2. (a) Can STW explain more about Section 104 agreements and to what specifications do they ask for

(b) What delays can we expect from Developers?

(c) What solutions do STW recommend to address this problem?
3. Do STW recommend the use of floodboards rather than sandbags & why?
4. Are there any plans to upgrade old/new sewer systems in South Derbyshire and what is the timescale for this programme?
5. In the case of siting some of the pumping stations that can become overwhelmed by flooding - can this be avoided?
6. Do STW believe that there is some uncertainty regarding ownership of sewers and drains in South Derbyshire?
7. How do STW deal with problem areas where a capacity is an issue in terms of residential properties (10 or more) or 0.3 Hectares?
8. STW claims that at least 200 properties are at risk and the need to reduce this to 180 according to the OFWAT Review – Are these the same properties that SDDC know about?
9. What are the current regulations for adopting drains? Hilton has a huge amount of new-build, but the rate of road adoptions is currently 4-5 years behind completion of build. We had a situation 12 months ago where drains collapsed in Shady Grove - only to find that the road had not been adopted - despite its houses being 40 years old!
10. What can be done to encourage developers to finish what they start? Part of Welland Road in Hilton is being dug up to lay new drainage after only 4 years - the drains Wimpey built being inadequate. However, Wimpey are now building on another site in the Village, despite not completing this former site to adoptable standards.
11. Can Severn Trent educate their customers how to push for adoption, and give contact details with their bills?