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Dear Sir,

In a previous letter I mentioned the silting up of the river bordering the new houses. Quite by chance I came across a former resident of Brookmead Way, the gardens of which border the river. He has moved. He recalled how one day he opened his back door to find the river water up to his back door step, and his garden under 3' (91cm) of water. When help came, the man said to him "It's the silt - its built up in the river, hence your flood. The trouble is, once I ~~have~~ had over fifty men in my charge. Now I have only five." It was due to cuts/austerity. That situation has not changed and the way things are going - it can only get worse. The

problem will recur. Now I can recall the last farmer writing about the river overflowing beside his barns - the heaps of litter and a car tyre floating around - the time it took to clear up. He thought it was due to the sea making the river back up. (The sea floods Southmoor) I think silt had something to do with this.

I mention this, because one house will be situated close by to the river - just like his barns. Perhaps, a wall would provide it with some defence. Logically, it helps to note where old buildings are sited. The farmhouse stands some way from the river. The barns stood between the farmhouse and the river forming a barrier.

We can't prevent the river silting up, nor produce manpower out of a hat, but with a little thought, we could help prevent flood damage.

Yours sincerely,



P.S. My neighbours found a bat circling around their lounge, having lost his former home. It's a shame the barns were destroyed in November/December before the bad winter weather sets in.