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Mr A Robinson
Executive Head of Place
Havant Borough Council
Civic Offices, Havant

26th March 2024

Dear Mr Robinson,

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[REDACTED] Local people really understand their environment have an inbuilt insight from their ancestors, and can see the pitfalls of building on land surrounded by natural ditches and streams without taking the reasons why they are there into account.

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Currently there has been a very large flooded area at the end of School Lane roundabout behind Next. This is the result of not having the ditch in Solent Road on both sides of the road kept clear even if they are actually a bit of a distance away! They are there for a reason. I am enclosing a photograph of the corner of Brockhampton Lane, which had a similar flood some years ago, and is likely to have the same again because the ditch taking the water off the capped springs on the M&S site is not kept clear, so the run off cannot drain into Brockhampton Stream but gathers on the corner of Brockhampton Lane instead.

In 2023 during a very cold spell the car park of the Medical Centre in Solent Road was almost un-useable because it was completely puddled and frozen. This is the result of a tarmac carpark built on what was a field. That field used to drain into the ditch with no allowance made. In fact Solent Road water drains into the ditch on both sides of the road, but even those drains are not kept clear.

Under the area near Bulbeck Road, there is also a large spring that has been capped. That water has to go somewhere. Again where ever it goes it should land up in a stream or a ditch - probably the one that runs behind the British Legion building then to Tesco and onwards. Most of that is in a dreadful state, and getting overgrown future generations will not understand why they deal with flooding.

Knowing the area when it was small farms, the County Highways, and National Water Authority do not seem to have done much having taken on the responsibility that used to be the local land owners. We ignore it at our peril, and taking action before a disaster seems the more sensible financial option [REDACTED].

Best wishes
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20 years or so ago