

Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet Residents Association

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The Head of Planning Services
Basildon Borough Council
The Basildon Centre
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Dear Head of Planning

Re: Little Chalvedon Hall Farm - Planning Application Reference 13/00140/OUT

Further to our letter of objection dated 11th April, with regard to the **Flooding Risk Assessment**, a further matter has come to our attention which lends support to our belief that the swales and ditches proposed by Meridian Strategic Land Development would have a knock on effect to other flood problems.

At a recent meeting with residents living in London Road, who are still concerned about the on-going issues at Sadlers Farm, I was told that the Sadlers Farm development is the cause of the increased flooding at the junction of Harrow Road, Burnt Mills Road and Pound Lane. Apparently the swale/lagoon on the other side of the Church Road underpass takes the drainage from the new roads, this passes under London Road and comes down through the drains in Pound Lane. It has long been known that the water builds up at the junction, in front of the hospital, because it cannot pass under the A127 quickly enough.

If the system of swales and ditches in the outline planning application are accepted then surely these will drain through the plotlands and eventually come out in the same junction causing more floods.

We also ask the question as to whether the build up of water, in front of the hospital, is preventing water running more quickly through the plotlands resulting in heavier floods than in the past?

As you will see from the many letters you have received from residents, the increased flooding has been more noticeable in recent years and now it appears that Sadlers Farm 'improvement' is the culprit.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet Residents' Association

Rose Griffin
Chairman