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Dear David,

Many thanks for sending a copy of the Parish Council's response to the proposed development in Bartley, together with a detailed summary of an earlier discussion forum held in late September. As you know, I was sufficiently concerned to send a member of my parliamentary staff to attend the 8 November meeting when I had to be in Westminster.

Although there are very good reasons why MPs do not and should not be involved in specific planning applications, occasionally some proposals unite a community so comprehensively that a public comment may be appropriate.

Having experienced a previous case where building was permitted on land known to have significant drainage issues, and where no remedy has been found for the entirely predictable consequences, I can only urge the NPA to listen extremely carefully to the chorus of warnings given by members of the local community and their Parish Council.

A situation should not be allowed to arise such that - in a few years' time - my constituents in Bartley and I have to remind the NPA that they were warned from the outset that the local infrastructure was inadequate and flooding would follow.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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