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Sent via email

Dear Carole and Greg

Following the devastating widespread flooding across Capel on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Capel community is keen to know what assurances you, as our elected representatives, are able to give, and what steps you intend to take on our behalf, to ensure that such events do not keep happening.

The Capel community is concerned that the proposed development of 4,000+ new houses in the parish will only make existing, and increasingly regular, flooding issues worse.

While TWBC's Draft Local Plan includes the construction of two additional reservoirs to protect new dwellings in East Capel, planners do not appear to have addressed the flood risk on this floodplain or the effects of any breach of these reservoirs on the surrounding area. Worryingly, the current Local Plan proposals do not include any measures to reduce the flood risk for existing communities in and around Five Oak Green from the proposed 'Tudeley garden village' of 2800+ dwellings and the additional housing in East Capel.

Save Capel, on behalf of the parish of Capel, looks forward to hearing how you intend to ensure that any new development in the area will not exacerbate the frequent flooding events your constituents are having to endure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Lovell".

Dave Lovell  
Chair, Save Capel