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Dear Sirs

Application number	SMD/2021/0550
Applicant's name	C B Collier FD Limited
Location	Fole Dairy Uttoxeter Road Fole, Uttoxeter
Proposed Development	Approval of reserved matters, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to SMD/2018/0234

We have previously asked for consideration to be given to the alignment of the houses opposite our property and St David's Cottage so that they are end on to the road rather than facing it and would once again ask if this aspect could be looked at.

We note that the houses in question are set slightly further back from the road this time with a hedge row in front although we cannot decipher from the plans whether or not there are still access points onto the road, we hope not so as to deter parking on the main road, as mentioned before we have operated a HGV from our premises since 1988 and parking on the road opposite our entrance would make access difficult.

We would ask for the culvert that carries the Broadgate Hall Brook and runs through the site to be opened up as early as possible, certainly before any building work starts.

We live with the possibility of flooding from the Brook constantly during heavy or prolonged downfalls because the escape of the extra water carried by the Brook is restricted by the culvert and we feel the opening up of this would considerably ease that risk.

We only started experiencing flooding after the Brook was entirely culverted by the Dairy, an elderly neighbour who had lived in Fole since her birth in 1915 had never experienced it in her lifetime before either.

The Brook rose so high during one flood that the main A522 road was impassable and the workshops at the Dairy were flooded in a matter of minutes, all captured on their cctv at the time.

When we first moved here in 1988 we included the Brook as part of our garden however since being flooded several times we built a 3ft wall around the garden which has helped

to a certain extent but the water can still rise to just one brick short of the top of this wall

We had hoped that the culvert would have been opened as soon as the demolition work was completed.

Furthermore flooding in the past has been hampered by the main sewer running under the A522 getting blocked and we ourselves and our neighbours have called Severn Trent on several occasions to clear the blockages but by then our properties and gardens have usually been inundated with raw sewage. Has consideration for the drainage needed to cope with turning Fole into a village three or four times its current size been taken into account and should any further blockages occur are the new builds drains going to contribute to it or will the drainage on this site be unlikely to affect the present sewage system?

As mentioned before the ground level of the site has been raised by the crushed demolition material, will it be raised further by the addition of top soil? Some will certainly be needed for the hedge planting and does this extra height make our property more prone to flooding in future?

We hope that your due consideration be given to the above points and the concerns of the residents.

Yours faithfully

Mr Aden Hare
Mrs Jane Hare