



Stretton on Dunsmore
PARISH COUNCIL

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Tuesday 9th January 2024

Ms Stephanie Cawley,
Severn Trent,
PO Box 407,
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Dear Ms Cawley,

RE: The watercourse between Stretton on Dunsmore and Princethorpe Villages

Reference number COM-229724-W1T1V1

The Parish Council ('the Council') has considered your email replying to our letter of the 14 November 2023. It raises a number of matters on which we would ask for further details.

1. You acknowledge that the number of spills in times of rainfall – 'incidents' – exceeds the current expected level. What is the 'current expected level'? To date, by how much is that number exceeded?

We understand that you have a legal obligation to install 'event duration monitoring' by the 31 December 2023. Has that been installed? This requires water companies to monitor and maintain records on such spills, but we would like to know when Severn Trent started to keep such records on the performance of the pumping station? Since the flooding of the brook has been a long-standing issue, please make such records for the last 5 years available to the Council.

2. How many tankers were deployed in 2023? On how many occasions?

3. You say work to resolve the issue is due to commence in Spring 2024. While that is encouraging, please provide the Council with the date of commencement as soon as it is known, such details of the work as you are prepared to share with the Council and the anticipated duration of the work.

4. The Rugby Local Plan, which was agreed 5 years ago, provides for the building of nearly 100 additional properties in Stretton on Dunsmore. Outline planning permission is now in place for 2 developments in our village. We are advised that Severn Trent were approached for comment and did not raise any issues. The Council is concerned

that if the existing system is unable to cope with the current level of effluent from the village a further 100 homes is likely to cause even more problems. Please confirm that any planned works will take into account the proposed expansion to the village.

5. The tankers have caused extensive damage to the approach track – from the junction of Finacre Lane and Church Hill - and Cutthroat Lane, the road to the pumping station, such that parts are dangerous for walkers. I would remind you that Cutthroat Lane, being the track from Finacre Lane to the first gate and just beyond, is a Public Right of Way and should be maintained in a condition suitable for its purpose. Please confirm that any remedial work will include satisfactory repairs to the track and road. That should also include the standing area outside the station – across which a Right of Way exists.

With regards



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Clerk to Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council

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