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We are just moving Chartham. We have completed on our new (last) home in Stour Road.

My daughter flagged up a the new development a few weeks ago. My first thought was that this would be great as it would also bring new infra-structure to the village; with new businesses providing employment, another school, shops, services, etc. Also the paper mill would be repurposed! I am very disappointed to discover that nothing else is being added to benefit the village. These additional homes will just add stress and needs will be unmet with regards school places and services let alone traffic congestion.

I am not someone who wants to stop new homes being built as long as existing residents are not caused suffering or ill effects!

My other major concern is for the existing homes below the Rattington Street in the path of water runoff!

When we did our searches for buying our property there has been NO FLOODING but we are in a potential flood risk area. We do NOT want this to be changed with this development. What reassurances will we have that this will not happen because of this build?

Where we live now, in Southampton. There has been a small development of 20-30 homes on a slope. Since their completion there has been permanent flooding below these homes. This does not affect anyone else as there are no other homes between them and the river. This would not be the case here in Chartham as there are many homes below this party of the development. The River Itchen used to flood its banks over the pathway at this point but now there is continual runoff and flooding from the land into the water! At one point Southern water also had to introduce pumps to reduce the water level!

So... my main concern is this detrimental effect on the existing homes (our new home included) in the future because of this build. **Will we be assured that there will be no water run off or flooding caused by this build?**

There is also the problem of construction traffic through narrow roads! How will this be managed without disrupting all of our lives. Will all surrounding roads require widening to cope with the additional traffic during and after the build.

As long as you can PROMISE, with written authority, there will be no flooding to properties I will support the build. If not please go elsewhere that will not affect homes already in situ.

Yours, a very worried new resident,

Julie Iles