

Mains drainage scheme

Anglian Water (AW) is pushing ahead with the scheme. I have checked that it isn't possible to have gravity take the sewage away, so any scheme in **** would need a pumping station. Three locations have been proposed so far, none of which is acceptable. The latest is in the corner of Jane Alston's field against the fence of O** T****. Access would be along a new road that would run along the back of OT from the lane down from the church.

People who live near the proposed pump have been sent a letter by AW with a plan and photograph of a similar pump. It is surprisingly large, with the main building being the size of a double garage. Many of you will not know much about it. The tone of the letter is that the scheme and the third location will now go ahead. I have put the text of the letter on the back of this sheet.

One thing I have discovered is that AW gets money from the taxpayer for each house to which they offer a mains connection. It is not necessary to make the connection, only to offer it. That accounts for the pressure to proceed. However if most villagers don't want a connection then this is a waste of our money that could be used somewhere else with a genuine need. If we reject the scheme then we must accept that it will never be offered again and of course that might be unwise.

Up to now Jane Alston has spent a lot of time dealing with AW, for which I know we all thank her. She now has large demands on her time so I have offered to act as first point of contact with AW, either for now or permanently. I want to involve people in this matter as in my experience that is the way to get the best ideas. I cannot talk to AW on others' behalves if I don't know what they think, so I ask you all to help me. Incidentally, if you would rather someone else did it then please say so. I too have other things to do.

If I am to communicate effectively I need your email address. I cannot hand deliver paper copies of everything I send or receive. If you don't have email then perhaps you could ask a neighbour who has email to pass on messages. I will post a copy onto the village notice board. I think we need a meeting for all who are interested and am happy to host it, failing any other location being offered. If it looks as though many people use the web, based on the number of email addresses that I get, I might add a page to my web site where I can put all of the documents and other information.

These are the immediate questions:

- 1 Who wants to be connected to mains drainage?
- 2 Can you suggest a suitable place for the pump (not too far from electricity)?

Peter Scott

Please complete this slip and return it to me or email your response

Name..... House.....

I wish to be connected to mains drainage YES NO (no commitment either way)

I would attend an evening villagers' meeting YES NO

I would like to attend a meeting with Anglian Water (probably during the day) YES NO

Email address.....

Please feel free to email or deliver any other comments or ideas that you have.

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17 October 2016

Dear Mr Scott,

**** Section 101a Sewerage Scheme

As you may be aware Anglian Water will be providing a new sewerage system. We are currently undertaking the detailed design of the new sewer system and anticipate construction commencing in the spring of 2017.

The scheme will require the construction of a new pumping station and a formal planning application will be submitted for this. The pumping station is located in the field at the rear of property O** T***, utilising the existing adjacent paddock access. [Not now]

I enclose a copy of the proposed site layout for your reference.

As a property owner/occupier in the immediate vicinity of the pumping station site we would welcome any comments you may have on this proposal, prior to our formal submission of a planning application. I would ask you to forward any comments using the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

However, if you would like to discuss our proposals directly we would be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient date/time. If this is the case I would kindly ask you to contact me directly, so we can arrange an appointment.

We will also arrange a public open day in the near future, in the Village Hall to advise residents of our plans, to which all residents will be invited.

John Lambert S101a Customer Relations Engineer [No. I didn't make that up.]

[my text]