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Dear Andrew

Acorn held an open evening on Nov 1st. One subject of concern raised by many members of the public, including myself, was the increased risk and consequences of flooding. Should this development be allowed to proceed, I fear there is a real risk the flood defences for Haverhill will fail and the pollutants entering the Stour Brook will cause an environmental and ecological disaster.

Andy West from Acorn insisted that the land on which they want to build would not be affected by localised flooding.

I suggest the photographs attached, two taken from the 4th floor of the Epicentre and one at the eastern edge of the Flood Park on the 2nd November 2023, demonstrate that this is patently untrue. The flood defences are working but are strained. Should this development go ahead it could cause the town of Haverhill to flood. A catastrophe that the Council will surely not want to be responsible for?

Mr West went on to tell me that, as their process is water intensive, they would be storing rainwater, making rainfall a good thing. He was very dismissive of my concerns when pressed about where they would store millions of gallons of water should it fall within a 24-48 hour period, as has just happened.

Can I ask that you please upload this e mail and the attached photographs to the comments section application on the planning portal.

Many thanks

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