

I draw your attention to the following points.

This area/land is not suitable for development for many reasons.

The area surrounds a horse-shoe shaped valley, with one drainage outlet, namely the Kitling Brook.

In this area there can be a mixture of land types. i.e. sandstone, clay, limestone, gypsum,. The latter known for its water retaining properties.

Unless a detailed topographical/geological survey is done, a developer will not know what type of land he is building on.

I recall some 2 or 3 years ago, watching a half hour TV programme by British Geological Survey about building on limestone, and the problems it causes when water courses change direction. Water courses can change direction when building foundations are put in. Not a very long programme, but certainly enlightening.

I had very very serious flooding problems on my rear garden when the Westbury Homes Development went ahead. Such was the extent of it, there were times I dare not leave my house, and not always a problem in winter, *BUT SUMMER TOO.*

The claim by a Westbury Homes Director at a meeting held at the Harehedge Lane School "that we have solved the water problem" was total rubbish. They had very efficiently and effectively displaced surplus water (of which there was a lot,) from their fields on to our gardens.

I had a number of meetings with of Westbury Homes Engineers. Their comments as they sat in my lounge studying plans were enlightening, but not re-reassuring:-

- This is by far the worst site we have ever developed.
- There are always problems on a new site, which usually can be solved. Here problems do not go away, - they just get worse.
- We shall not be building any more in this area. The land is not suitable for house building. *THERE ARE NATURAL SPRINGS EVERYWHERE* JN

Effective drainage work was carried out on my rear garden in June 2005, paid for by Westbury Homes. My garden can be "sticky," but except for winter 2013/2014 no actual flooding.

At some stage, Severn Trent had become involved, and in December 2004/ January 2005 a drainage pipe was installed, somewhere I was told, between, and under the tarmac path/ between balancing pond gardens Kitling Greaves Lane/Westbury Homes house on that corner.

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