

At this point flooding to our rear gardens ceased. Since then neighbouring gardens are more prone to water logging/flooding, and probably returning to Severn Trent pre- pipe installation times. It could well be time for this situation to be looked into, i.e. does this pipe need cleaning out, and does Severn Trent still have records of work carried out? Who would have any answers?

### Balancing Ponds

The balancing pond on the aforementioned site is a joke, an eyesore, really a disgrace, as I understand, no one is responsible for its maintenance, i.e. clearing out of vegetation. Very badly needed.

There are a number of balancing ponds planned for this development. Who will be responsible for maintenance of them. At the recent January 2015 meeting at the school in Harehedge Lane, it was stated that the Developer would be responsible. May I point out a Developer carries out the work, finishes the project, and then moves off site? As for creating a new company to do maintenance work, - who would pay for it?

No maintenance work carried out along the Kitling Brook now, as Local Authorities have no money. This brook last overflowed in early July 1999 and could readily overflow again should we experience a serious storm. Efficient and effective long term maintenance work was done by ESBC. (I kept an eye on this brook perhaps during last winter's storms, I was astonished at how this brook coped with storm water - it was being maintained at that time. The water torrented along, with little overflow into the lane. When you see this water course now so overgrown, the lack of maintenance speaks for itself.

Where would the money come from to maintain new water courses like this?

I make the point, it is unlikely a Developer would have anything like the knowledge or understanding required to install effective drainage in this area. We have a high water table,- plants in my garden rarely need watering in summer.

You only have to recall TV news regarding flooding on the Somerset Levels last winter to appreciate that Politicians have no understanding whatever of water courses, flooding, drainage etc. We do not want that type of situation, - even on a small scale here.

Whilst my comments refer to past experiences, they are relevant to present and future developments. The land/area does not change.

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