

20/02446/FJRC Mutch  
Long Hedge, Boddington Road  
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Re: Applications 02/02446/F  
18/00904/F

I strongly object to these proposals and submit the following evidence in support.

The proposed lake is a consequence of removing earth to create the surrounding bunds. It will create a hole which will need a supply of water in order to become a lake. It has no surface feed in or facility to account for overflow and water runoff.

The following photographs are of a pond approximately 1 mile south of the proposal. It does not contain any water for on average 8 months of the year. During adverse weather it floods. The lower area was viewed as a pond 30 years ago and contained fish, frogs, toads, newts and even snakes. Today only water snails. For 7 months when dry flies feed off the dead snails that are left. The bottom of the "pond" is 3 mtrs. below the surrounding field and road level and currently has 60 cm. of water even after the recent rainfall.

This is a valid indication of what could result by allowing this application.

The first is the situation today:



The original area of the "pond" was approximately 20% of that shown in the next photograph.



The first was taken looking east and second from the south as the bank was under water.

This pond is shown on maps from 1700 but these photographs support the effects of climate change in this area and advice being given by the Met Office. I claim that it would be wrong to allow the marina proposal particularly on the grounds of congestion on what is already a very busy stretch of this historic stretch of the canal.

There is another pond in the village at Sundial Farm showing identical variation in water levels throughout the year on a scale never seen before.

It would be wrong on the grounds of changes in the environment and its affect on annual water levels.

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