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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Planning Application 21/00922/OUT
Land West of Foxden Way Great Bourton

I was involved with farming the land for many years from the A423 at Great Bourton to the A361 at Williamscot which included the proposed site. We also did contract work installing around 100 miles of drainage schemes on farms annually, mostly within a 15 mile radius of Banbury.

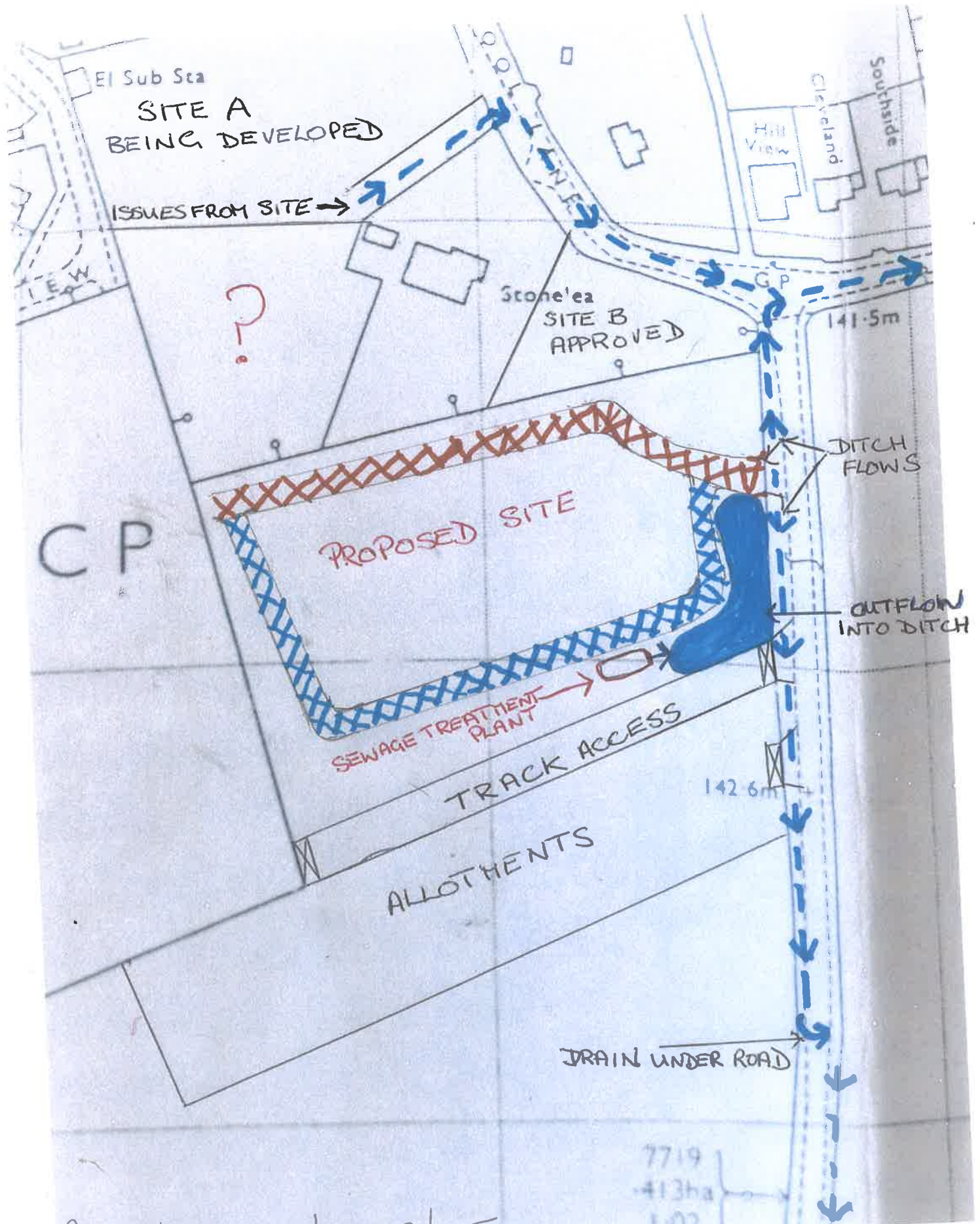
I am very concerned with the drainage issues on this site and where they might be directed to. We already have problems with surface water from Foxden Way, School Lane, and muddy flows exiting from the access to Site A on the enclosed plan. They flow in vast quantities down Crow Lane and then down the Cropredy road causing flooding at the bottom of the hill. Last year Cropredy School had to be closed for two days because these flows from Great Bourton caused the road by the school to be in flood. It would be unwise to let more water from the proposed site to add to this problem. I have met with OCC Highways regarding the drainage problems that already exist in Crow Lane and as yet they have not been resolved.

I note that the Agent states the site is impermeable as it has a clay substrata and this is correct. I note that a permeable road is highlighted marked Blue on part of the plan but no mention is made of the access road marked Brown on my plan. When this substrata is clay even a permeable road will have to be piped to the ditch. Much of the site will naturally drain to Crow Lane causing even more flooding.

There is no easy access to the main sewer and there are now strict conditions which in many cases do not allow on site sewer treatment into water courses. This site is not permeable and a soakaway system is not possible especially when it is to serve a small estate. There would need to be significant ditch re profiling to where flows would have to go under the road and from there more ditch work across the top of the Cemetery to Mill Lane. This would all need regular maintenance. We already have flooding at the bottom of Mill Lane where ditch flows are restricted by the Railway culvert that already causes flooding to both mine and my neighbour's land. There is no doubt that these flows would have an unpleasant aroma and with the added flooding risk this application should be refused.

Brian Cannon

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