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Subject: RE: PROPOSED SADDLEWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL – LACK OF PROGRESS

Rob,

Whilst noting the below, I'm not sure that's being completely fair to WYG, the applicant or the Council.

I say on the basis that originally the EA accepted the scheme on flood risk terms when modelled in a standard way.

Somewhat extraordinarily the EA, on receipt of the revised EIA, required a far more detailed 2D flood risk model to deal with concerns raised by objectors (in my near 30 years of public sector and private sector planning experience I've never seen a previously acceptable scheme later be required to produce this type of detailed flood risk modelling). To build one of these models is both time consuming and expensive. Nevertheless, the applicant's agent commendably undertook this work to prove the scheme raised no flood risk issues.

Clearly, the Council could not take issue with this course of action since an EA response to this detailed modelling clarifies the position on flood risk and answers objectors concerns around this issue directly.

As such, **my view is that the delay was created by the EA's insistence that more detailed modelling** was required to answer residents queries in a comprehensive way. However, its conclusion will give a clear indication on flood risk matters and answer some concerns raised by objectors to the scheme.

I hope that clarifies the matter.

Kind Regards,

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