

To Jess Brown-Fuller
CC Cllr Jonathan Brown
Cllr Adrian Moss
Cllr Henry Potter
Cllr Jeremy Hunt
Lawrence Gosden – Southern Water
Nick Harris – National Highways

13th January 2026

Dear Jess Brown-Fuller

We note with interest your engagement in the local flooding issues and would like to invite you to a public meeting to understand the concerns of local residents. These flooding issues are year-round occurrences and are not exclusive to any particular time of year.

Background: The primary area of concern is in Maudlin and relates to an ongoing issue with Southern Water. The particular junction in question floods every year and requires pump trucks to come in to take away the wastewater. The road (Stane Street) is currently closed, impacting both residents and local businesses. Rolls Royce Motors for example, have had to advise their employees and suppliers to approach the plant from Westhampnett creating additional gridlock.

The primary cause, we have been advised, relates to the diameter of the pipe which is insufficient for the volume of foul water created by the many additional homes built in recent years. Southern Water did carry out some work last year to lengthen the wider pipe but they chose to stop it in the middle of Maudlin, which means that the drains back up and raw sewerage is found in and around houses and footpaths.

Despite many protestations directly with Southern Water, they have yet again failed to address the root cause and your constituents (and their pets) continue to be at a health risk and unacceptable inconvenience.

Secondary, but no less important, is the flooding in land adjacent to this point. Dairy Lane is again under water and the swale, now re-labelled as a soak away requires a pump to maintain acceptable levels of water. The issue appears to be that unless express authorisation is given by National Highways, the pump is not used until often when it is too late, this will ultimately lead to flooding on the A27 causing major issues on this significant arterial road.

This is of course before the planned development of an additional 265 houses for which the area is simply not fit for purpose.

Finally, if you are able to accede to our request, we would also like to discuss the issue of the sports facilities associated with Madgwick Park. Councillors were very disappointed not to be invited to the meeting you held with CCDT recently, despite having been involved previously. We have submitted a solution which should be acceptable to all parties and would ask for you to understand the needs of your constituents on this 300-home development.

Our request is that you use your influence to bring together all interested parties in order to identify a long-term solution. We are flexible as to when, as we appreciate you have a busy schedule, but obviously the sooner the better.

We believe the invitees should be:

- You as our MP
- CDC
- WSCC
- Southern Water
- Rolls Royce Motors
- National Highways

Plus, any others you see fit. We can accommodate the meeting at our village hall and will work with your diary to find a suitable slot.

We look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

Beccy Anderson
Parish Clerk/RFO on behalf of Westhampnett Parish Councillors
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