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Subject: Thong Lane Culvert

Dear Neil,

I am writing to you directly because this issue has already been raised several times in the past, as witness the attached photo from Jan 2014, and the EA report submitted in the early days of the Isles Quarry Development. We are talking about the culvert that runs parallel to Thong Lane, on the eastern bank, and that exits into the Bourne at the waterfall at the junction of Thong Lane and Basted Mill.

As you can see from Thong A, the culvert under the bridge approach is completely blocked, and water is still discharging down the bank onto Thong Lane. Thong B,C, and D show the flooding on the lane caused by this. Whilst this is a traffic hazard, the main problem is the steady erosion of the bank, debris is being washed onto the road, and as you can see by comparison with the Jan 2014 picture, the problem is not healing itself. A few more heavy rainfalls and you will have to cut a new ditch at road level, because the bank will be irreparable. This whole bank will require stabilisation when the bridge is removed as a planning condition, but as water has now completely saturated the bridge abutments, this may not now be the simple matter it might have been.

As the bridge has to come out, there is no need for a culvert at this point, and I would have thought the quickest solution would be to send a digger in, and completely remove the pipe, and form proper banks, but this needs to be done as a matter of urgency.

Yet again my community is suffering because of the inability for the various agencies and the developer to resolve a matter that a single day with a competent excavator driver could achieve. Pay me and I'll pop down and do it.

Regards

Mike



