Good Morning Amanda,I would like to submit the letter below to the next
BPC meeting please-believe its 4th April now,Regards,Gary Bonsor:-

The
flooding of Lower Brailes on the 9th of March I hope has woken up
everyone's attention to the fact that despite fairy tale 'Flood Risk
Assessments' and a magical 'ditch at the bottom of Betty's Field' by a
greedy non resident of the village,in reality has far from solved our
village's continuing flooding problem.And in my humble opinion the PC
should not be allowing Howard Taylor to rewrite every map with the EA
to suit his plan's for Betty's Field-the FACTS have been ignored and
instead of looking what REALLY happen's i.e. 9th March,the PC seen to
be allowing Howard Taylor's to produce fantasy report's and model's to
support his case instead of questioning them.The stress and concern it
places on certainly the residents of Orchard Close of course cannot be
measured.As I work away Monday to Friday,to have my wife call and be so
upset-my family was marooned,unable to go to work-not to mention our
oldest resident at number 20,a lady of 103,frightened for her safety-
who also a few day's later had sewage coming thro' her drain cover as
the Orchard Close sewage system was blocked(this is the same system as
HT wants 25 more houses connected to!)),should make past Brailes Parish
Council's hold their heads in shame.I,like most of the village,hoped
the new Parish Council would represent us more fully and listen to our
needs and concern's regarding flooding and planning and fight our
corner.But as I've said before,we are in a 'catch 22' situation-we are
using the fact that we DO flood to keep Betty's Field from turning into
a housing estate-but I believe it should be turned down on MANY issues,
not just the flooding but on such things as access, visual, traffic
issues etc but of course Seven Trent and the Highway Agency do not give
a jot and rubber stamp everything that's put in front of them.This I
don't feel any guilt from,as the field owner has been able to submit 3
Flood Risk Assessments-each one diluted down until it reads what the EA
want to read(therefore approving it),with the WCC Flood risk team next
on the list to be hoodwinked into passing it.Despite Ken Taylor's
effort's I'm 100% sure,should we have had the quantity of rain as in
2007,Nos.1 to 5 and probably the bunglelow's on the left would have
flooded the properties and left us all homeless-regardless of the ditch
that Howard Taylor say's would have saved us-IT WOULD HAVE NOT!Also if
Howard Taylor's recent amendment of reducing the garden's of the lower
properties so they are out of the flood plain makes a jot of difference-
it does not!!I hope now the Parish Council will openly discuss Lower
Brailes predicament and resolve this issue for once and for all while
also fighting to stop building on Betty's Field.I would also like to
pass on my sympathy to the poor people who will in a short time
purchase very expense home's at the soon to be built new site on the
corner of Henbrook Lane-they to I'm sure will be joining me in
complaining about the flooding of their property.