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.