

The Residents of The Mead
Ilchester, Yeovil BA22 8NZ

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The attached petition, signed by all residents of the Mead and landowners in the Mead area, is intended to make their position on the proposed A303 Ilchester Mead flood alleviation scheme clear. Whilst the residents fully support the use of culverts to pass water under the A303 instead of over it, the intention of placing a bund, or similar structure, alongside the A303 in addition, is untenable.

The flooding problems experienced in the Mead area in recent times have been a result of the dam effect of the A303 bypass around Ilchester that was built in the late 1970's. The limited flood data available at that time, along with very inaccurate modelling, led to the road being constructed with insufficient culverts to enable flood water to pass underneath. Since then, there have been occasions where the only thing preventing total inundation of the Mead residences, has been the ability of the floodwater to pass over the A303.

The proposed new scheme includes 4 new culverts underneath the A303, which the Mead residents fully support. However, Environment Agency restrictions means that a wall or control weir, will be placed in front of the new culverts preventing their operation until the flood water is inches from the top of the Mead flood defence banks. Moreover, the new culverts are to have trash screens placed over their entrances which will be susceptible to blocking. Worst of all, the A303 is to be 'protected' by the construction of a bund alongside the road for the entire length of the affected area.

This bund is planned to be of similar height, or higher than, the lowest part of the Mead flood defences. The bund will, by cutting off the current escape route for floodwater over the A303, place all of the risk onto the residents of the Mead should the scheme not function as planned. Things that can go wrong include the culverts being overwhelmed by sheer volume of flood water, the trash screens becoming blocked, or the modelling of the scheme not reflecting reality. It is the overwhelming view of the Mead residents that it should be the new culverts that are used to protect the A303, and not a bund.

The residents are aware that the Highways Agency has spent time and money on hydraulic modelling of the area. However, there exists huge differences between the modelled flood build up times and those actually observed for the recent flood of

Christmas Eve, 2013 upon which extensive data has been provided by the Mead residents. This has led to a lack of confidence in the accuracy of the Highways Agency modelling. This lack of confidence is only heightened by the agencies inability, thus far, to provide a clear guarantee that their scheme will prevent the Mead residences from flooding in the future. This totals over forty properties and several farms.

Given the above, the residents of the Mead and Mead area which to have the escape valve of water being allowed to pass over the A303, maintained at its current level. When the A303 was first built, over one hundred homes in Ilchester and Ilchester Mead were inundated twice within six months. This current proposed scheme puts the Mead and other Ilchester residents still at the risk of a recurrence of this event.

RSVP: On behalf of all residents:-

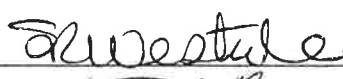
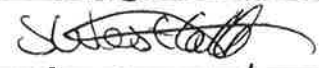
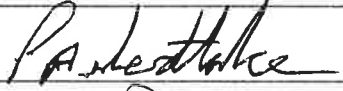


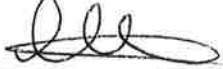
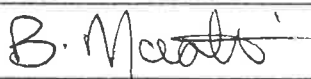
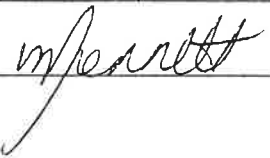
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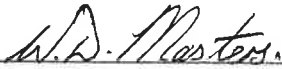
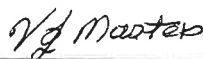


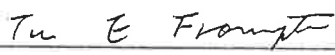

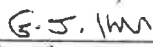
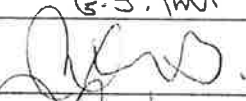
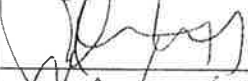

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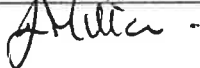


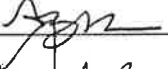

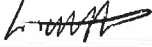


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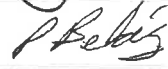
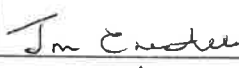
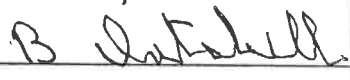
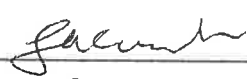



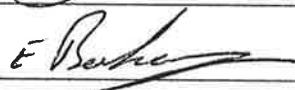


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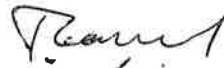

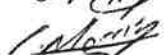
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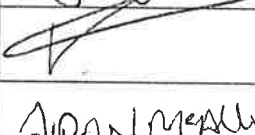

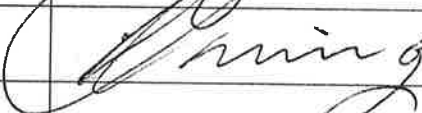
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