

From: Resh Thorpe <Resh.Thorpe@wokingham.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 February 2026 10:30:49 UTC+01:00
To: "Anne Barden" <Anne.Barden@wokingham.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Let floodplains flood

Morning Anne,

Could you also include this comment against the Loddon application from the same resident that raise the query. I have highlighted the text below. This is quite an important comment as relates to our climate emergency action plan targets.

Kind Regards,

Resh

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From: Owen Williams <owenw1406@gmail.com>
Sent: 12 February 2026 18:40
To: Climate Emergency <climate.emergency@wokingham.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Let floodplains flood

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Hello Resh,

Thank you for your email and taking the time to get back to me. I appreciate you having ensured that the comments will be factored in.

I'm also pleased to see that Wokingham has a climate engagement officer!

I worry that developments mitigate the immediate flooding risk, but fail to recognise the benefits of floodplains themselves, such as sequestering greater amounts of carbon.

Best wishes
Owen

On Thu, 12 Feb 2026, 08:46 Climate Emergency, <climate.emergency@wokingham.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Owen,

Thank you for your email and for raising your concerns regarding the proposed development at the Loddon Valley site.

Your concerns have been passed on to the Planning team, as it relates to the current planning application for that site, which they are currently managing.

Given the significant volume of comments and objections received on planning applications, it is not standard practice to enter into detailed correspondence on individual cases. However, the Planning team have ensured that your concerns will be recorded as a comment against the application so that it forms part of the official submission.

Please be assured that, when the application is presented to the Planning Committee, the drainage and flooding implications will be fully assessed and addressed, along with all other relevant material planning considerations.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact us.

Kind Regards,

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From: Owen Williams <owenw1406@gmail.com>

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To: Climate Emergency <climate.emergency@wokingham.gov.uk>

Subject: Let floodplains flood

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Hello,

In your recent edition of the environment email newsletter, you commenced with a Berkshire nature graphic. One of the icons on this graphic was 'let floodplains flood'. I entirely agree.

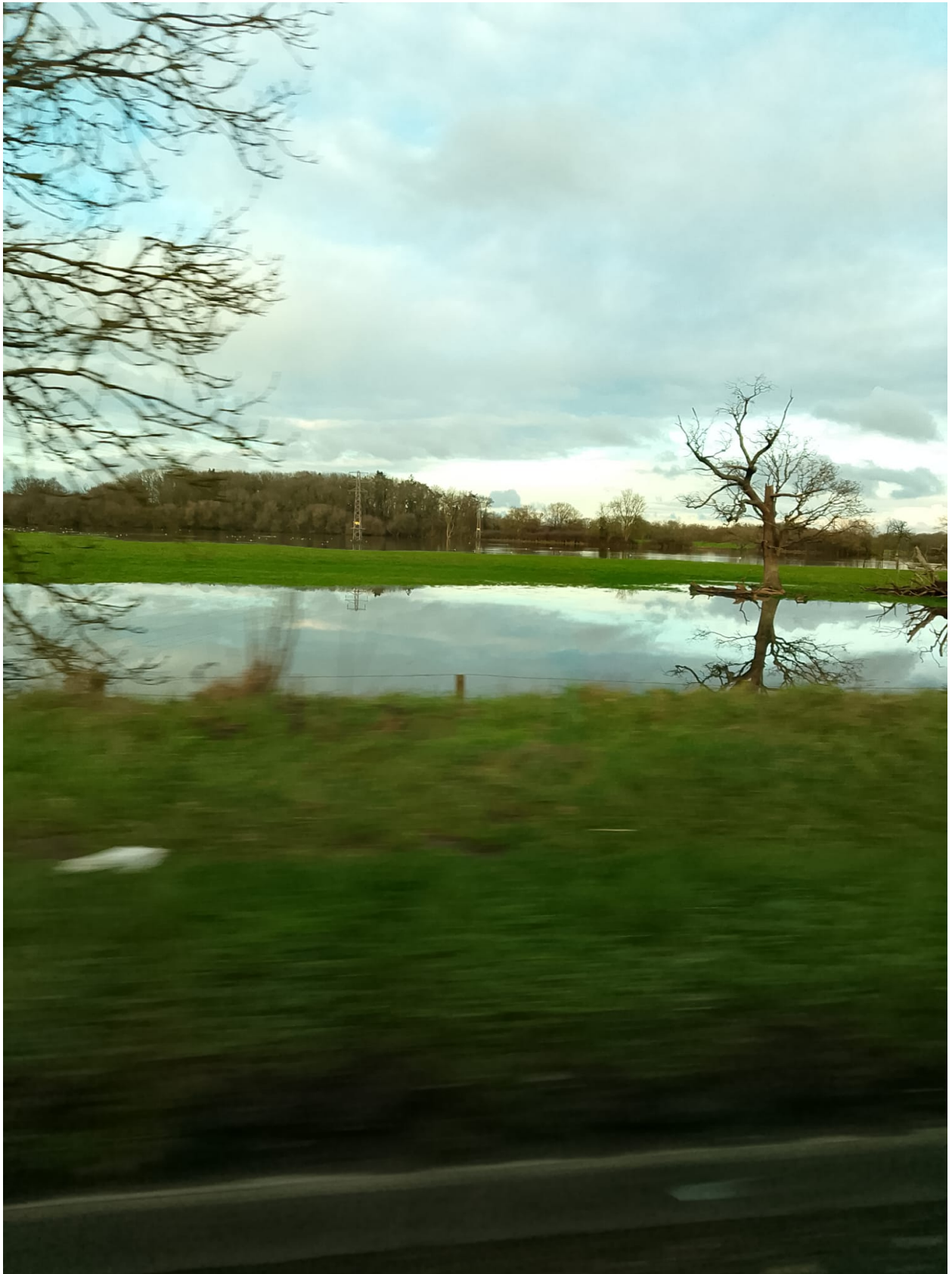
Yet currently there is an active planning proposal for thousands of houses to be built on the Loddon floodplain at and around the University of Reading site near Shinfield.

This site is wholly within the Loddon floodplain. Anyone who drives past currently can easily see the vast floodwaters that are pooled there. I attach one picture - of many - that my daughter took a week ago (before the heaviest recent rain).

I find it difficult to reconcile the email and the graphic, more so the claimed environmental credentials and the proposed development. I would be grateful for a response regarding how you think such a development is remotely reasonable.

Many thanks

Owen Williams



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