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Subject: Let floodplains flood

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

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