



## **Richard Fuller, MP visits Milton Ernest**

Richard Fuller, MP visited Milton Ernest on 20 December 2024 and the visit was attended by your local Milton Ernest Councillors. Following the visit the Councillors provided a summary of the visit at the January parish council meeting.

### **Milton Ernest Parish Council**

#### **Summary of the meeting with local MP Richard Fuller, 20 December 2024**

*The meeting was attended by members of the Milton Ernest Parish Council and Anglian Water's Engagement Manager, and Dylan Simmons.*

Richard Fuller, MP visited Milton Ernest on 20th December 2024 to review the current situation with the Sewage overflows and flooding. During the visit, we were able to visit two sites,

- (1) the first being the River Lane pumping station and
- (2) the second being site 518, viewed from the end of Marsh Lane, to explain our concerns over the site's boundary land, as per our feedback given in the planning process.

The meeting was useful and informative with the MP taking an active interest in our concerns.

Richard Fuller, MP confirmed his intention to support the MEPC in reviewing our current concerns with the Planning consultants, and will join the MEPC in a future meeting on this topic.

#### ***The outcomes from the site visits***

##### ***1) River Lane Pumping station***

Anglian Water, explained that the issues seen at River Lane pumping station were as a result of the high level of water run-off during rainstorms. They confirmed they are aware and are monitoring the situation and concerns raised on this matter. We were informed of recent government investment to reduce sewage overflows. However, the allocation and timing for this investment is not decided, although the MEPC hope it can be allocated to tackle the River lane concerns.

It was also understood that the main risk from additional housing planned is more from the water run-off than sewage. As a guideline, the run-off from 1 house can be considered as equivalent to 100 houses sewage output. Therefore, the management of run-off is critical in new home builds and should therefore be designed to avoid run-off reaching the sewage system. It is therefore key upon submission of full planning application that the MEPC studies the feedback on water management from Anglian Water carefully and raises objections if run-off measures are deemed insufficient.



## 2) Site 518 visit

Site 518 was visited from the end of Marsh Lane, next to Green Barns. The MEPC's current concerns with outline planned were explained as follows:

- *Cancellation of the Amenity land specified in the neighbourhood plan without consultation.*
  - *Associated risk of housing expansion arising from the removal of the amenity land*
- *The situation with A6 flooding due to water run-off and associated feedback from the Environment agency*

**Milon Ernest Parish Council will continue to work with Richard Fuller, MP and other stakeholders to address concerns raised.**

For the full minutes to the January meeting, please click [here](#).