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Dear Sir or Madam

Re. Planning Application 2023/93539

Back Station Road floods when the River Calder is high. The bowl between Newgate Wier and Ledgard Bridge fills with water, which overflows. This closes access to central Mirfield both via Newgate and via Station Road. It poses a threat to residents who live on and off Back Station Road and to those on Huddleston Court. In view of this I would suggest Kirklees Council develops a plan to contain the river in its course at this point.

I suspect a barrier would be needed along the northern river bank at least from the confluence of the overflow (which runs under the railway embankment) from the dock on the Calder and Hebble Navigation and then upstream to the garage on Newgate. The overflow issues on the southern side of Back Station Road and runs between the development site and South Brook Gardens. (There already appears to be a barrier next to the flats at Ledgard Wharf but it does not cover the car park to the flats nor the river bank upstream from them to Ledgard Bridge and Newgate Wier. The railway viaduct support would also help provide a barrier between Ledgard Bridge and Newgate Wier.) The involvement of Kirklees Highways may be necessary for such a scheme but a barrier could be constructed, at least in part, by developers wishing to build between the canal overflow and the junction of Newgate with Back Station Road (and Huddleston Court). Since any development seems likely to speed water run-off, it appears reasonable that developers should make a contribution to addressing this flooding problem. I suggest this could be achieved either by attaching a planning condition to any development proposal that is approved and/or by requiring developers to pay a bond for that purpose. This should be in addition to any payment required towards funding for Hopton School and/or other local facilities.

This planning proposal presents Kirklees Council with an opportunity to demonstrate comprehensive thinking about problem-solving in this part of Mirfield.

Yours faithfully,

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