



TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

ESBC Local Plan Position Statement



High Tower - Tutbury Castle



FLOOD RISK AND CLIMATE CHANGE
ISSUE 5

East Staffordshire local plan inquiry

Tutbury Parish Council

Position Statement – Flood risk and Climate change

(SP23 Green infrastructure LP311)

Not Sound – positively prepared or justified

1.0 In the absence of a response which addresses the parish council's original concerns, the council hopes to see a Green Infrastructure policy that encourages all types of development to harvest rainwater. Storing rainwater at site attenuates risks from heavy rain and saves drinking water from being used for flushing toilets.

2.0 Catching rainwater at the property is a simple, practical and sustainable way to improve the green infrastructure in all types of development. Where sites are low lying and known to be in a flood risk area there may be ponds and reed beds for drains to discharge into but when sudden intense rain falls on to hard surfaces the water caught there quickly creates a potential for overflows that need not occur if each property had a scheme to help with flow reduction.

3.0 Plumbing systems within buildings must be kept separate when rainwater is harvested, the water caught may be stored either above or below ground level. Initial costs of such an installation are soon recovered by a reduction in water bills. Drinking water saved helps toward the efficient use of a scarce resource.

4.0 ESBC's response concerning the maintenance of Sustainable Urban Drainage systems (SUDS) indicates that developers cannot necessarily be held responsible for them. A recent offer to a parish council to take over the maintenance of a SUDS from a developer, indicates that responsibilities need to be clearly defined. A policy which states that a maintenance agreement *may* be made, means that there will be a strong likelihood that SUDS maintenance won't be done by anyone.

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