

Ref: Planning Application Update at New House (192319)

Attention: Ms. Amber Morris, Planning Officer, Economy and Place Directorate

Dear Ms. Morris,

I note with interest the comment submitted by Mr Stephen Grist, Clerk to Staunton-on-Wye Group Parish Council, on behalf of an unnamed Parish Councillor. A concern was raised that a drain or drains in the vicinity have experienced trouble with blocking up and backing up.

In application 191728 ('Retrospective application for site as a small scale log business to store logs and on occasions a site to cut logs'), which coincidentally is adjacent to New House, utilises the same surface drains/connections and connects to the very same watercourse, the following is mentioned in the Supporting Statement for the application:

3.6 Furthermore, and in partnership with Balfour Beattie it is understood that the applicant has allowed the drainage ditch to the west of the site to be cleared to assist with improving local drainage matters in the area.

I also notice that the drain closest to the watercourse appears to been installed only recently, perhaps in connection with the aforementioned improvements:

Old c. 2009:



New, 2019:



As such I believe the historic issues referred to in the comment are no longer extant and as such are not relevant to consideration of application 192319.

Best wishes,

Joseph Nelson