

Planning application comment was submitted on the **22 April 2023 09:27 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P230457/F** by **Helen Heathfield**

Nature of feedback: Submitting a general comment

Comment: Further to Severn Trent's holding objection on this development I would like to raise local water quality data I have collected. I have recently tested phosphate levels in Cradley Brook at Lugg's Mill (LM) near Old Church Road and then at Colwall Mill Farm (CMF), post Colwall sewage treatment works (STW) discharge.

29/03/23 LM = 0.05 and CMF = 0.48

10/04/23 LM = 0.03 and CMF = 0.19

20/04/23 LM = 0.00 and CMF = 0.64

As phosphate levels approach 1 life for fish becomes impossible. It is notable that the readings at Lugg's Mill are the lowest phosphate results I have seen anywhere in Herefordshire, showing that at this point Cradley Brook is in very good health. From the Cradley Mill Farm results, I suggest that 10/04 shows that Colwall STW is sometimes working within legal limits, and that 29/03 and 20/04 show that sometimes it is not. On 20/04 the weather was dry, so any discharge cannot be blamed on storm water. Severn Trent Water must take urgent action to ensure Colwall STW is meeting current demand as well as any future demand. I have also shared this information with Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency.

It makes me feel very concerned that Severn Trent Water have needed to submit a holding objection as it suggests the applicant has not fully thought through how discharge from the site will be dealt with. I would argue that no new demand can be added to Colwall STW until it is dealing with current demand.

Attachment:

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