

Deforestation in Owlthorpe has caused downstream flooding.



In Planning Inspector O S Woodward's site visit: <https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/EO-19SitevisitWednesday20thJanuary2021.pdf> we showed the inspector and Howard Baxter Sheffield (LPA) the water retention in ecological Owlthorpe which stops downstream flooding . <https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/Water.mp4> , Avant Homes suggest where a **SUDS system** should be located according to their flood risk assessment and drainage strategy. **12. Facts Matter:** "In the site visit we also passed by the spot where the **SUDS system** would be, the path had turned into a river that we all had to paddle through." 23 October 2023 reported By Victoria Scheer **BBC News** The flooding created by Storm Babet took just hours to overwhelm defences and make its way into homes in Catcliffe. As shown in this video: <https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/MoothorpeGatepedestrianunderpassFlooding.mp4> The **SUDS system** in Owlthorpe failed and water overflowed into the Ochre Dyke increasing the contribution to downstream flooding.

If more houses are built upstream in Owlthorpe downstream flooding will be more profound, with the possibility of loss of life. [Please Help save Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail](#) by signing our petition <https://chnng.it/6vXHqcGG4S> A Big thank you to the **1,698** who in such a short period of time have signed. I would also thank the visitors [to our on-line Visitor's Guide to Owlthorpe Heritage and Nature Trail](#) for their kind words. Published Recently **3,552** views to date. Please **SHARE** on social media.

If anybody is having problems signing our petition or accessing our visitors guide, please contact us by email: ecologicalowlthorpe@gmail.com and we will investigate.

Kind Regards

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