

## FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

REBUTTAL PROOF EVIDENCE OF  
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ON BEHALF OF WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO:

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION W07.09002  
LAND TO THE EAST AND NORTH OF WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE,  
DEVELOPMENT: CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY ROAD  
WITH CLIMBING LANE OVER PART OF THE ROUTE, ROUNDABOUT  
JUNCTIONS, ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE  
CALLED IN FOR DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SECTION 77 TOWN AND  
COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 AS AMENDED)

THE WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A350 WESTBURY BYPASS  
CLASSIFIED ROAD) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 200'

THE WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A350 WESTBURY BYPASS  
CLASSIFIED ROAD) SIDE ROAD ORDER 200'



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**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

My name is PAUL SWIFT. I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and obtained a Bachelor of Engineering Degree (Honours) at Liverpool Polytechnic in 1992. I am a member of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management.

I am a Principal Engineer at Mouchel and have over 15 years experience as a Civil Engineer. Throughout this period I have specialised in rivers, coastal and flooding related projects and have led teams in the assessment, promotion and design of a variety of river, coastal and flooding projects. Of relevance to this inquiry are my roles as project manager for the delivery of numerous flood risk assessments for a variety of clients and flood alleviation schemes up to construction values of £12M for the Environment Agency and local authorities.

I have responsibility within Mouchel for rivers and flooding related disciplines. I lead a dedicated rivers and flood defence team in Mouchel Liverpool office.

Mouchel is a multi-disciplinary consultancy practice with offices throughout the United Kingdom and overseas. The company employs over 11,000 professional, technical and administrative staff. It provides consulting advice to a wide range of clients including the Department for Transport, local highway authorities, other local and national government agencies as well as a wide range of major private sector organisations and utility companies.

**1 POINTS OF OBJECTION**

- 1.1 Points of objection raised by Robert Sargent are that the flood risk assessment is inadequate and does not meet the requirements of Planning Policy Statement 25 Development and Flood Risk.
  
- 1.2 Points of objection raised by Robert Sargent are that proper compensation for occupation of the flood plain is not provided on a “level for level” basis and therefore the occupation of the Bitham Brook flood plain by the Glenmore Link will increase flood risk. results for the case if the Westbury Bypass was implemented.

**2 WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE**

- 2.1 Wiltshire County Council Flood Risk Assessment applies the sequential and exception test in accordance with Planning Policy Statement 25 Development and Flood Risk within the Flood Risk Assessment report.
  
- 2.2 Acknowledged that any compensatory storage must be on a 'level for level' basis. The details of the compensatory storage on a level for level basis to be treated as a planning condition.