

An estimated £300,000+ flood drainage scheme installed without landowner consultation, or reference to local historic water management measures



Shallow road flood caused by failures to maintain existing drains – simply no maintenance caused road flooding here (but did usefully attenuate water for several days).



Had landowner been consulted – he would have explained flooding in lane only occurred because former flood attenuation (storage) in meadow (and some summer grazing benefit) was lost simply because of poor road drain maintenance.



Road drain



**Accumulation
of silt**



**Field discharges
blocked – simply
not cleared**



Field discharges blocked



Drains on Holloway Lane no longer raked – causing accelerated run-off down lane.





Neglected historic water power site – ideal for modern adaptation to pump stored power – the estimated £300,000 flood scheme expenditure nearby without reference to local historic water management measures could have restored this and many other similar sites. *Thus providing complete flood control for Chalford and many MW of stored electricity potential.*



**Adjacent field drains
raked by a farmer's
Housekeeper – at yet
another site where
soft attenuation could
provide cheap
flood/drought
protection for those
downstream – and a
range of other
potential secondary
resource creation
functions**

Runoff now simply accelerated via new drain – increasing all downstream flood risks. No attempt to compensate for consequences. Historic landscape unnecessarily damaged. Public funds wasted. Private property lost. Agenda 21 ignored.



Compensatory flood pond now completed nearby new drain – taking responsibility for wider community protection within a complete river catchment plan for flood control. We flood simply because there is no proper plan to prevent this ...



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