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Dear Sirs

This email is my formal objection to the proposed changes under Policy 8 of the Local Plan. Specifically, the redefinition of the functional floodplain as outlined in MM44. I am deeply concerned that the reclassification of Eel Pie Island to Flood Zone 3B will have significant negative impact on the island and my home should it be implemented.

Incorrect Flood Zone Classification

The reclassification in MM44 is incorrect. Historically, the Island has been in Flood Zone 3A, and there is no evidence to change this to Zone 3B.

Severe Impact

This policy change will undermine the long-term viability of the Island for those who live handwork there.

Negative Financial and Insurance Consequences

I have lived on the Island for almost 30 years and I believe if this change goes ahead it will make it impossible to obtain affordable insurance. Sine living on the Island I can honestly say that my property has never flooded. This change will be of no benefit to man or beast except the insurance companies who already charge a premium for the Island's insurance.

Lack of Proper Consultation

Residents have not been given the opportunity to challenge this major change to their lives and livelihood nor have we seen any viable supporting data on the move to change.

A more Considered View

It would be more appropriate to retain the Island's Flood Zone 3A status, which is both factually and historically accurate.

Conclusion

Implementing this policy would cause unnecessary significant harm to the residents and businesses on the Island. A more accurate and historically and correct policy should be adopted. Many of the Island's residents are elderly and this policy would negatively impact on their lives and potentially prevent younger generations from moving to the Island threatening our unique way of Island Life!

Yours truly

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