

It would be good if someone could collect as many reports of flooding over the last year as possible, perhaps with an item in the Parish magazine. Photographs and videos are very useful. This is particularly important at the moment when Breckland District Council are working on their new District Plan and we need to get across the increasing flooding problems in the village. The current BDC plan only 'envisioned' a 7% increase in the number of dwellings (about 18) in Mileham from 2016 to 2036 and so did not carry out a flood assessment for the village because of too little development. As we have already seen more than double that rate of development with no additional work on the surface water system, despite the NCC Flood Investigation report on what was required to reduce the flood risk to homes in the village, Breckland need to reassess future development in the village with regard to the flood risk in particular.

For further information on the BDC Local Plan Update 2024 see <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/19942/Local-Plan-Full-Update-2024>

There are several potential building sites identified in Mileham although it is noted that there is a lack of services in the village.

Surface water flooding is only going to get worse with climate change so if everyone can let BDC know about the existing problems since all the development in the village since 2016 that would be a great help.