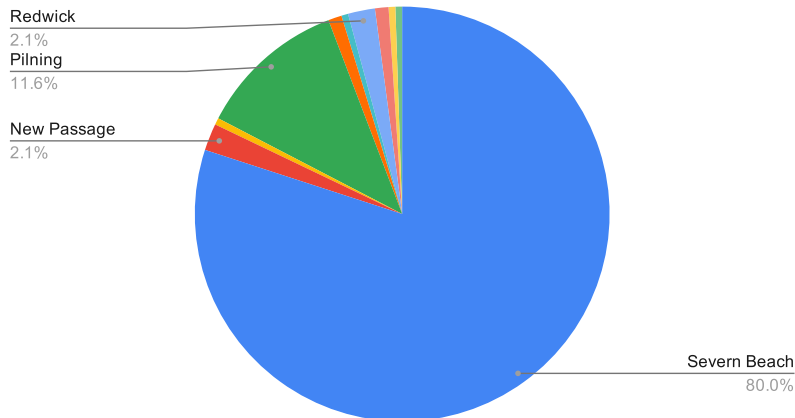
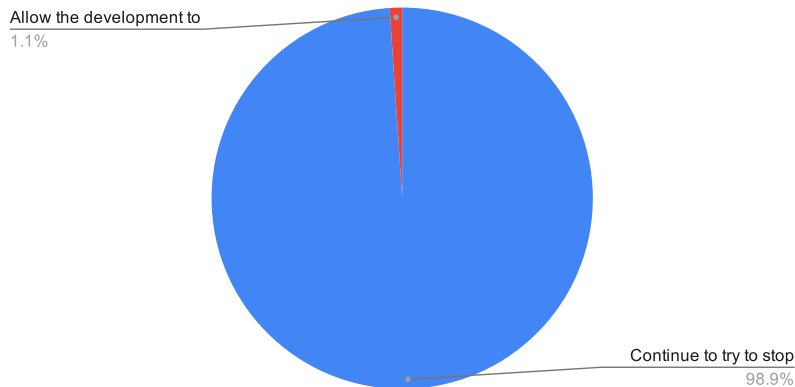


### Count of What part of the parish do you live in?



### Count of In your opinion, what should Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council's action be with regards to Orchard Pools



#### Do you have any further comments?

It should be reinstated as a wildlife area re the 1995 agreement. The planet needs more areas like this to survive.

The 1995 agreement was a wonderful way of providing a ecological buffer between the village and developments. I had visited the pools since they were created and were a fantastic area for wildlife. Even though there was no public access it acted as an oasis for many rare and scarce species of bird, amphibian insects and plants including 5 species of Orchid. A detailed ecological survey was carried out by the landowner (I know the individual ecologist employed) which was not in the public domain. I cynically believe this is the reason for the "tree management" being carried out in October 2019. This resulted in a pathetic attempt of relocating amphibians and reptiles to a wholly inappropriate replacement site. The vegetation has been completely decimated including a mature Oak that had a Tree protection order in place. The land is now being buried under thousands of tonnes of recycled building waste, hopefully free of Asbestos contamination. Has anyone certified/verified this.

There is an obvious increased flood risk to the village if the surrounding flood plain is being raised height as is the current case.

All of this seems to be occurring without a planning application or consultation.

We should try to keep it as a wildlife haven, in which the villagers can enjoy.

This land has been made into an eyesore! Along this strip there are several parcels of land that have been destroyed ready for building but stand unwanted.

The replacement pools are also a joke, this would be a wild habitat for protected species such as crested newts and the replacement habitat is shameful! The owner of the land should be made to sort this as a matter of priority before anymore work happens on site.

This area has been destroyed !!! There is enough empty buildings in the area without destroying so much wildlife habitat !!!

They are breaking the law.

It is important that we preserve areas for wildlife for the good, not just of the local environment, but of the planet. Too many trees and spaces for nature are being destroyed, in this case it would appear even without planning permission. It needs to be stopped.

The destruction of the habitat at this site should have never been allowed to happen. This destroyed a lovely site full of wildlife in a time when any small piece of wild areas like this a precious and should be protected by development.

This company has taken no notice of the parishioners from day one, I think we are fighting a losing battle with no help from SG council, very sad.

It's devastating that a grade A wildlife sanctuary with the rarest birds and insects can be raped and pillaged before our eyes.

if there is any way of stopping it we need to try but expect as the efforts made early on was to no avail it may be too much time and money wasted

I feel as a community we have been let down with lack of power from the parish

Not worth the funding they get

## Orchard Pools - Feedback (Responses)

As long as new, and significantly sized and accessible pools are created elsewhere locally, no problems with development.
We have enough warehouses around here , we are continually losing all our green spaces
Very disappointed with South Glos Council not protecting the natural habitat for many species of bird, bats and owls etc. let alone the homeowners in close proximity that are having to witness and endure the desecration
This was an area of beauty as well as wildlife and should never have been removed to build warehouses
The destruction of a natural habitat for countless creatures is disgusting. I could understand it if it was justified, but this is unnecessary development. I'm very unhappy with the 'replacement ponds' that are effectively 10% of the original size.
Disgusting what they've got away with so far. Surely there's enough warehouses in the area without coming this close to a village. They've destroyed the countryside we have left and killed lots of wildlife in the process. Why have rules to protect wildlife if you can just ignore them ? Should be made to put things back and fined heavily. They're setting a precedent of do what like and get away with it.
I want it back to the way it was so I can enjoy walks there again with my young family and dog!!
Please continue to try and stop this development. There is no planning, the noise and mess are awful and it is so sad to see. I live on Severnwood Gardens and my heart sinks every time I go past. I walk dogs in the area regularly and the amount of large vehicles going up and down the lane makes this increasingly difficult. It makes me so cross the land owners think they can do whatever they want and destroy our beautiful area. I will help in any way I can. Many thanks.
Do not want factories with more lorries.
This is very noisy behind my house every morning through out the day, the roads are muddy and slippery when wet and dust goes everywhere when it's dry.
I am not actually in the parish but fairly close, have many friends that do and I am passionate about The wildlife in the area that will suffer as a result :(
If planning has been rescinded and they are in breach it should be stopped immediately no matter how many bribes have been paid to planning
With all the non developed land available further in the distribution park and towards Avonmouth, it is totally uncalled for and unwarranted, to have flattened what was a beautiful and natural barrier between Severn Beach and the distribution warehouses on the Western Approaches. Also removing the trees has caused the noise levels to increase, disturbed the wildlife and its habitat that has developed there over the last 30 - 40 years, and the housing in the general area has no doubt, been devalued.
Developers have a total disregard to the affect this has had on the residents of this area.
We need more feedback as to what SGC have authorised to progress on this site. Many rules seem to have been broken the TPO for the Oak tree to name one.
We as a community are not kept informed as to what is legal and what is not.
What steps have SGC made to correct any misdemeanours?
SGC's core statement says that they are open and transparent!
The last few weeks we have had to put up with the lorries passing Orchard Pools site sounding their klaxon horns for reasons only known to themselves. It is annoying and antisocial. It has been reported but I will probably have to endure another 10 days or so of Klaxons before I get a reply from SGC.
The area is very visible (Severnwood Gardens) from my lounge window and an increase in noise from further developments has already been noticed since the natural buffer of trees and hedgerow has been removed. I dread to think of the further increase of noise and activity should the area be built on.
We are being swallowed up by development
Think this is so wrong what they have done! The amount of wildlife that have now lost there home, the beautiful trees we have lost and the awful state of what we have to look at! We don't need anymore warehouses in our lovely villages!! The warehouses and amount of lorries and traffic has ruined what used to be lovely villages! So sad to see! Pls continue to fight to stop this!
No more warehouses surrounding our village and decimating habitat of wildlife
It will create noise , more traffic and looks like an industrial estate we are a village let's keep it that way please .
The Orchard Pools area is a valuable site for wildlife, it's environmental importance far outweighs the need for development.
Wild life around our village needs protection, we have enough warehouses.
We need to stop destroying our land and killing wildlife, we all need it to survive!
It was an area of natural beauty, a peaceful walk that I enjoyed several times a week. There is nowhere else in Severn Beach that offers the same peace and quiet with so much nature and diversity. I am truly upset to see it bulldozed and flattened to nothing.
It should be stopped and the pools reinstated. We do not need more warehouses, heaps are still for sale.
This is a horrendous example of destruction of the environment. There has been no care taken, the works are noisy even from very early and dirty/dusty. It is disgusting that they can do this
The destruction of this nature spot is an absolute disgrace. The land owner has destroyed the habitat for so much wildlife. The area has had so much land taken away by developers already please leave some for residents and nature to enjoy!
I am worried about flooding because of all the building on flood plains. I am also concerned about the removal of important trees and the decimation of wildlife habitats
The environmental impact for financial gain is huge.
The Paris Council will need the communities wholehearted support to make any impact. We must be prepared to 'do our bit' as well.
Why have they been allowed to get any with this much destruction already?
Our street is opposite and we already have the Western Approaches at the back of us. Enough is enough. Would the developers want it on their doorstep? I think not.
We are devastated by what's happening we live in Severnwood gardens the first road behind it and the destruction of the woodland and wildlife was absolutely horrendous. We are a family of 4, 2 small children and every weekend we used to walk there now we can't. And the noise in our back garden and dust it's creating is shocking. I'm a childminder and I've had to think carefully about when to have the children outside. We don't need more warehouses there. We do need protection against the noise of the currant ones that are there. This should not be allowed to go ahead.
Have contacted mr Lopresti and am awaiting reply

## Orchard Pools - Feedback (Responses)

This was done behind our backs.
We moved in in September 2019 and it was glorious seeing a really old wood, ponds and fields. Then they were demolishing the wood saying it was wood/forest management (my arse). Wood management is felling 1 or 2 out of 10 trees to let them grow bigger. It's also putting up mounds off wood so creatures can use them as homes etc. It does not mean felling every single tree and digging up absolutely everything. The single oak that was left (immaculately) under a preservation order was then demolished cos it was damaged!!! This is an absolute lie, there was nothing wrong with it, it was just in their way.
The new ponds are totally inadequate and not lined so any water in them just seeps away killing any wildlife. Apparently some of the newts etc were transported over in buckets and there is now approx 1ft of water. Not sure if the newts or any wildlife are still alive. I have photos of all three ponds.
These woods were protected under a 1957(?) protection order and this should have been adhered to. Also the woods and the pools are drainage for the surrounding area.
Where is the water going now?
Question - Why are the increasing the land level? This could mean the rain water will come into the village. Are we going to get compensation of sorts if that happens?
South Glous council seem toothless
Apparently there is no planning approval for any development yet, so why they are causing a lot of disruption, noise and dust pollution for no actual reason yet is beyond me.
If a 'Buffer Zone' was deemed necessary a few years back then surely it's still required? and of course any development of this scale will increase flood risk
Living in abbott road at the top of the beach we have had no information at all and the noise if awful
Terrible destruction to the wildlife and look of the area. Plenty of land near avonmouth that can be used. No planning permission to build on it and the owner doesnt even live in Bristol!
I have been reliably informed that the contractors lied about the number of great crested newts in the ponds. We were all aware it was a good colony, protected by law. I cannot believe the South Gloucestershire Council are not legally, or morally bound, to replace the number of trees it fells. In the works near Henbury ford, Bristol City council have to restore 1.5 trees for every tree it has removed. The number of trees and the area of habitat we have lost in the last four years is deeply depressing. I don't like living here anymore because of this destruction.
This destruction of habitat is wrong and should be stopped. An oak tree hundreds of years old was removed, the ponds with their abundance of Great Crested Newts ruined and hundreds of birds and animals left homeless. The South Glos. council have a moral duty to stop this. Have the Avon Wildlife Trust been contacted?
My concerns are environmental. Where will the excess rainwater go? Where have the birds and other wildlife gone? I think South Gloucestershire Council have let us down and continue to let us down. The number of trees and the area of habitat lost in the last few years is shocking. It must stop!
We are losing our community to industry. We are at a point that regardless of which direction we travel in that we are encroached by developments losing so much of our wildlife and the environments in which they flourish. The noise and constant buzzing is impacting residents time at home. The National Geographics definition of a village follows. A village is a small settlement usually found in a rural setting. It is generally larger than a "hamlet" but smaller than a "town". Some geographers specifically define a village as having between 500 and 2,500 inhabitants. In most parts of the world, villages are settlements of people clustered around a central point.
We are now not clustered around a central point. We are the central point.
We are ruining wildlife and habitats. We do not want to see warehouses or industrial units as soon as you leave severn beach via a403. It is ruining the area and also will create a lit more traffic flow through the area.
There should be a legal, green protection zone around the area. The developments show a total disrespect for the natural habitat, wild life and its local people.
We don't need any more warehouses, we don't have much to do in the beach but the woodland and the ponds was a place to go when feeling stressed, the loss of the trees and habitat is criminal, especially in today's climate.
The area already has enough warehouses that are empty. We do not require more causing an eyesore.
A beautiful place has been destroyed for ugly buildings.
Our Beautiful village is being raped and destroyed by these faceless corporations for nothing more than greed. They don't care what they do to our village because they don't live here. The irony is, the people who run these big companies probably live in big houses in Quaint little villages somewhere, and I'm sure would have something to say if somebody came and tried to mess up their beautiful village!?
Distruction of habitat.
Feels like we are being swallowed up by warehousing, how long before we are part of the bristol city
This should continued to be stopped as there needs to be areas for wildlife to thrive around all the industrial building, destroying this means they will be forced into smaller compacted areas competing with each other which puts ecological stress on other animals, it will also encourage them to cross the roads to look for new areas which puts ecological pressures there too
Land is being developed in the area with no regard for environmental issues. We are being surrounded by industrial units which is affecting residents well being.
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No further work should be undertaken until a final decision has been made and if they continue ignoring this order there should be financial repercussions and the work blocked through the legal channels.
Traffic, pollution, flood plain, noise, spoiling the community, walks, ponds,
The council should be ashamed of themselves for allowing the natural habitation of the newts etc to be disturbed
The noise level is a lot higher since they destroyed the trees and hedges loss of wildlife has been a great impact on the surrounding area. We need green spaces and trees. They should be made to replace the trees to encourage the wild life back
Ruining the countryside .
Surly they are breaking the law?
Please leave nature alone
It should be left as a wildlife haven for everyone to enjoy.

## Orchard Pools - Feedback (Responses)

Our village is being cut-off and surrounded by big business and warehouses. We are the forgotten part of South Gloucestershire and unless we speak up we will be completely overwhelmed by big business and warehouses!
Our wild need some habitat also the more buildings that go up will give rise to more flooding
It is a disgrace that the trees came down and the ponds/pools need to be saved.
This was a lovely and natural area within such an industrial zone. To have a wildlife zone amongst the warehouses is much needed.
This is yet another green space being destroyed in the name of making money
There seems to be no provision to stop flooding of the area, due to the natural drainage being taken away. And the way the removal of the endangered wildlife is disgusting
What has been done and is being done to the area is disgusting, before long the village will be surrounded by warehousing and industry with no forethought to the life of the village. The council needs to work with the surrounding councils to stop future developments or to at least control it for the benefit of the village
I whole heartedly disagree with the land at Orchard Pools being developed or 'managed' by the landowner in such a destructive manner which has destroyed many plants, trees and wildlife habitats. I was walking my dog past the entrance to Orchard pools last week and felt heartfelt sadness for the wildfowl and water birds which were on the ponds at the prospect of these vital sanctuaries for not only the wildlife but also for the residents and visitors to the area. There are many areas already developed for commercial use locally such as two sites along the A403 Severn Road/Chittering Road and Crowley Way in Avonmouth which business should be encouraged to occupy in preference to destroying further areas or natural importance that desperately need to be protected.
I am concerned about the welfare of the wildlife in the area and the fact that these developers can come in and create such turmoil and upset in a much loved place while we as a community seem to have little power to override them. It's a disgrace. There is plenty of land along towards Avonmouth in need of regeneration- this is where development should happen, not in a little oasis of wildlife.
This development is devastating to local village life . Its to close and clearly has had an effect on the wildlife .there were 2 sets of swans that now have no home. Along with other indangered wildlife.
if anyone wants to do anything in there garden ie extention of house put a cabin to live in one would probly allowed but both could be refused due to being on the flood plain.this whole development is on the flood plain so it shouldbe refused on this alone
We don't need anything built on there! Stop destroying our woodlands. It's upsetting everyone.
It should be left to be a conservation area. Too many warehouses are surrounding our small village. Building these warehouses are sending the animals out of their environment. We as a village are getting more rats and squirrels. Left in the land noone bothers them and they dont bother us. The poor swans that were there have gone god knows where. Please stop this development not only fir our community but for the animals.
If this had happened in other parishes i.e. Thornbury or Kingswood/Yate there would have been uproar and more notice taken. I feel as though we are a tiny forgotten village of no consequence to SGC.
We think it's worth the effort and money to be able to try and save what little green space we have left around our villages.
I feel angry that our rural areas are being swallowed by developers and now knowing our countryside has been destroyed by bulldozers without permission, I feel we as local parishioners should do all we can to stop this development progressing to destroy our green spaces surrounding our villages.
Without planning permission and consultation with the surrounding community the developers are showing no respect to anyone. This cannot be allowed to continue without resistance as we will find ourselves an island community surrounded by inconsiderate neighbours.
This area is very quickly turning into an industrialised hell hole ,what with the extra traffic and noise pollution.It's unbelievable that due to a 1957 planning permission they can throw up warehouses like they were mushrooms.You blink and there another one gone up.Please use all my tax payers money that I personality put into the budget to fight this all the way.My youngest son was born in Pilning village ,I would like him in the future to know it as a lovely place to continue to live surrounded by green fields with a quiet feel to it and a great sense of community spirt.With all this building work going on we are turning into another Avonmouth.
On the 17th July 2019 South Gloucestershire Council voted to declare a climate emergency and if that means anything then it should be looking into this destruction of ancient woodland on dodgy planning permission. If we don't want Pilning and Severn Beach to become a suburb of Avonmouth the parish council needs to fight this tooth and nail and campaign for the area to be rewilded. I'm behind you all the way. My number is [REDACTED] if you need me for any reason.
Unless planning permission is granted then development should not continue. My family and I were saddened to see all of the trees cut down and I am angered that this was done without planning permission.
Our green areas are getting smaller and smaller orchard pools was a great facility for residents, dog walking running bird watching and lots of wild life to observe. It's criminal what has happened give it back to the residents!
This is the thin end of a wedge which needs to be stopped. All brown field sites should be developed as a priority.