



**Time to believe it**

Cherwell District Council have poo-poo'ed the idea that building on the site of Southam Road of 800 houses will not cause a flooding problem. This is against the expert opinion of a local farmer who knows the land well.

And now it has happened, Banbury is again under water.



This was The Mill Arts Centre on 22-11-2012. They have called all their customers and warned them the Mill is flooded and shut. This is a severe blow to Banbury Cross Players who are performing the Calendar Girls to support charity in the next two weeks.

The Environmental Agency has spent millions on new flood defences to the North East of Banbury, but obviously they do not work. Cherwell council cannot any longer rely on the guarantees the agency is giving that Banbury will no longer have a flooding problem. The current protection, they say, is protection against just 2m of rising water. Now we can all see this height is easily exceeded.

So now they must listen: building 800 houses across the rising land at Southam Road WILL increase water run-off and WILL cause flooding. This site must be immediately removed from the proposed Local Plan 2012 which will soon go forward to the government Planning Inspectors.