

Ashingdon farmer's fields are flooded by sewage from Anglian Water pumping station

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Problems - Paul Woodford in one of his flooded fields

A FARMER is fuming over the state of his land after sewage leaked on to it from a pumping station.

Paul Woodford, 55, has made 50 complaints over the past 20 years to try to get Anglian Water to sort out the situation, which he claims is stopping his cattle grazing.

Heavy rain can overwhelm the pumping station, at the junction of Radnor Road and Ulverston Road, Ashingdon.

It was built 20 years ago to cope with waste from new homes in Fambridge Road and Pemberton Field, but has left Mr Woodford with a host of problems.

He said: "It's been happening for years. I've made about 50 complaints over 20 years, but nothing has been done.

"I don't want money, I just want the problem fixed. Our family has had this land since the Sixties, when my granddad took it over."

Mr Woodford owns 70 cattle and 50 pigs and said the family business, Moon and Chamberlain's farm shop, has suffered as a result of the unusable land.

He added: "It has had an impact, but it's so hard to quantify.

It's not knowing what's in the sewage that worries us. We can't risk letting out animals to graze and them getting sick."

Anglian Water has sent tankers to the site. The company has also offered a goodwill payment of £2,750 to Mr Woodford.

A statement from the company said: “We apologise to Mr Woodford for the flooding which has affected his farmland.

“We are arranging to make changes to the pumping station, which will reduce the chances of it affecting the farmland. We are also looking to increase the storage capacity of the station.”