

Dear Stakeholders,

## **THE LANE, WEST MERSEA FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME – STAKEHOLDER UPDATE**

As I'm sure you're aware the team have been back to site this week in preparation to carry out the work to the wall of 140/142 Coast Road. Once this is complete, it will enable the final section of phase 1 foundation to be installed. This section has taken longer than anticipated to rectify the design issues encountered, but hopefully seeing the team on site will give residence the assurance that progress is being made. This then leads on to the decision that regrettably ECC have decided that the project will be put on hold at the end of phase 1. This decision has not been made lightly but given the extended timescales for delivery of the whole scheme, and the lack of desire amongst residents to see phase 2 delivered due to the ongoing disruption caused by construction we feel it is the right thing to do. This is not what ECC set out to do, but completion of phase 1 will help to reduce the most frequent flood risk to 8 of the originally identified 12 properties. It will also enable us to monitor the section of barriers across The Lane, and gauge their success, before canvassing stakeholders for their opinion on whether or not to remobilise for phase 2.

For the rest of the duration of phase 1, traffic management and disruption to access will be kept to a minimum. Colchester Borough Council have been informed of our remobilisation to site, and access will be provided on collection day as normal. Should there be any requirement for vehicles larger than a car or small van to access properties within the traffic management set up, then please contact myself in advance to arrange the necessary access.

I would like to reiterate that pausing the project at the end of phase 1 was never our intention, but hope you'll agree that it is the right thing to do at this stage. Should residents have any questions about the information above, please feel free to respond to this email or contact me directly.

Regards

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