

Department for Environment and Community Services

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **UPDATE ON DRAINAGE WORKS – OLDBURY-ON-SEVERN VILLAGE**

I am writing to update you with regard to ongoing flood resilience works in the Oldbury-on-Severn area and in particular highway drainage works proposed for the village.

We have been working on a number of flood alleviation initiatives for the village since our last drop-in session in 2016. Since that time we have also been successful in a grant application to the Department for Transport for funding drainage works at nine different sites across South Gloucestershire.

With this grant award, we have been able to take forward a number of initiatives for Oldbury and below is a list of works we have already carried out:

1. Detailed surveys of existing drainage systems in the village to confirm location and their condition.
2. A condition survey of flap valves in the village was undertaken. Works are now progressing to either replace flap valves which are missing or undertake repair works to those in a poor state.
3. Identified improvement works to the highway drainage systems in the village.
4. Culvert inspections.
5. Carried out a condition survey and identified repairs to the flood prevention wall in Chapel Road.
6. Identified and installed a number of water level gauges in the village.

We have carried out the above works without implementing any road closures but we are now reaching the stage where we need to make improvements to drainage systems on the highway in the village. The works will involve road closures and one particular road which will suffer from major disruption is Church Hill, in the vicinity of the Anchor Inn public house.

Access to properties will be maintained, a diversion route will be in place.

Unfortunately we cannot carry out the works in this location safely without closing the road although we do realise this will cause disruption for local residents. We will work with the local community and do everything we can to minimise the impact of these essential improvement works.

We do not yet have a detailed programme of these works but anticipate they will begin in the autumn and take up to 8 weeks to complete.

### **Background Information**

The council was recently awarded a £3.35million grant to improve flood resilience of its highway network. Oldbury-on-Severn was selected as one of nine sites across South Gloucestershire for drainage improvement works and flood resilience measures.

As mentioned above, we have carried out comprehensive survey work which shows there are improvements needed to the existing highway drainage systems. These works include replacing and/or upgrading defective pipes, removing root ingress from trees and replacing defective manholes and gully covers.

### **The impact on local communities**

We would like to keep you informed of the programme of works and therefore invite you to a drop-in event on:

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Memorial Hall, Oldbury-on-Severn from 3pm-7pm**

Members of the project team will be on hand to answer any questions about the work we have carried out so far and the remaining proposed flood resilience works.

Further information about the works we are undertaking is available on our website [www.southglos.gov.uk/FloodResilience](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/FloodResilience) where you can also subscribe to a regular e-newsletter which will be issued regularly about the project.

We do understand these works are inconvenient and we apologise for the disruption caused. We will update you on the progress of the works but if you have any queries regarding this letter please email the project team [FloodResilienceProject@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:FloodResilienceProject@southglos.gov.uk) or call us on 01454 868000.

Yours faithfully,



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