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Dear Parish Clerk

Groundwater Management Plan for Hampshire

Hampshire has a known history of groundwater flooding. During the winter of 2000/2001 over 100 towns and villages across the county suffered significant flooding with over 400 properties flooded and significant disruption and damage to infrastructure. At that time, and in response to these events, Hampshire County Council (together with Winchester City Council) funded research into the impacts of long term groundwater flooding. The Environment Agency commissioned a study to investigate the causes and effects of this flooding, identify actions to address it and undertake a risk assessment for all affected towns and villages.

In its new role as a Lead Local Flood Authority, Hampshire County Council has reviewed the findings and conclusions of these studies and reassessed the nature and extent of the risk posed by groundwater, as well as the effectiveness of the measures implemented. This has taken the form of the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) for Hampshire. It has been prepared by consultants on behalf of Hampshire County Council in partnership with other risk management authorities including the district councils, the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, the Environment Agency, water companies and others. It builds on work undertaken last year on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Hampshire and is part of a suite of Surface Water Management Plans being prepared for areas across the county.

*Director of Economy, Transport and
Environment*

The County Council is now seeking the views of Hampshire's residents on the work carried out to date on the draft Groundwater Management Plan for Hampshire. The Plan is not yet complete and we value the input of residents and local communities to assist in finalising the Plan, ensuring that it is up to date and reflects their experience and understanding of the causes of groundwater flooding in Hampshire.

The draft GWMP and all its accompanying documents can be viewed on the County Council's website at the following location:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/flooding/surfacewatermanagement/groundwater.htm>

We are particularly interested in receiving detailed comments on the action plans for what we identify as the 10 most 'at risk' wards in Hampshire. In particular:

- Does the plan accurately reflect local people's experience and understanding of the risk from groundwater flooding in these areas?
- Are there measures identified in the earlier studies which have been implemented and are not reflected in the action plan(s)
- Are there other reasonable measures which could be identified in the action plan(s) to address, mitigate or reduce the future risk of groundwater flooding in these areas?

All comments on the GWMP should be submitted to the County Council no later than **5pm on Monday 23rd December 2013**.

Comments can be emailed to fwm@hants.gov.uk and marked "GWMP Comments" or posted to:

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Further information about the County Council's work on Flood Risk Management, and the context in which work on the GWMP sits, can also be found on the County Council's website here:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/flooding.htm>

For any further information please contact the County Council via the fwm@hants.gov.uk inbox.

Yours faithfully



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