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Dear Sir or Madam,

Works commencing to reduce flood risk to homes in Velda Close and Aldwyck Way

I am writing to update you on the progress of the planned works to reduce flood risk in your area.

I appreciate that many residents have endured years of distress and hardship as a result of the historic flooding and would have preferred a completed solution before now. However, I am pleased to inform you that we have now completed all the fundraising, modelling, planning and design and can finally move into the construction phase of the project from 29th June.

Our plan is to build a sheet piled flood wall from the open space alongside Bloodmoor Road, just on the stream side of the current fence line for approximately 300m, ending behind the gardens of homes on Aspinal Close. We will also be constructing a new pump station and outfall into the stream; this will ensure the existing pipe network is less likely to become overwhelmed in severe storms and will be located in the disused allotment area adjacent to the car park in Aldwyck Way. Once completed the wall will be maintained by Suffolk County Council and the pump station will be adopted by Anglian Water.

The work will be undertaken on behalf of the Council by our contractors Balfour Beatty. I am happy to still be contacted if you have questions or concerns about flood risk in the area, but from this point forwards Balfour Beatty will be the main point of contact during construction. You will receive regular updates about progress and future works, in addition, those residents with properties directly adjacent to the stream (4,5,6,7 Velda Close & 16,18,20,22 Aldwyck Way) will be contacted soon to make arrangements for pre-construction surveys prior to the removal of their fencing and garden buildings in order to erect the site boundary. If you are affected and would like to start making preparations now by clearing contents of garden buildings and moving plants, the site boundary may be up to 5m inside these gardens. Colleagues from Balfour Beatty will be able to discuss specific details when they arrange to meet you.

Balfour Beatty contact number – 0800 121 4444 for any questions during the construction phase, Mr Jonathan Pitt will be Balfour Beatty's representative at the site on a day-to-day basis.

I also wanted to share some of the key dates for the planned works so you are aware of the timescales involved. These are the current planned dates, and obviously subject to change.

- 20/07/20 – site compound set up – no access to Aldwyck Way car park or sports area for residents from this date – cars to be moved by end of 19/07/20.
- 03/08/20 – footpath closures and diversions (Tom Crisp Way and Bloodmoor Rd) from this date. Closures will be removed when not required.
- 05/08/20 – remove residents fencing and erect site boundary fencing to back gardens
- 19/08/20 – remove sheds

- 26/08/20 – strip topsoil / root removal, prepare banks for piling
- 14/09/20 – headwall construction for outfall from pump station
- 07/10/20 – 21/12/20 – sheet piling starting at Bloodmoor Road end – residents gardens/fences/garden buildings to be restored/replaced once piling complete.
- 04/12/20 – 19/03/21 – Pump station construction and commissioning
- 27/04/20 – construction works complete, car park and sports area restored.

If you have any questions in response to this letter it would be helpful to us if you could email them to floods@suffolk.gov.uk. We will send you a response as soon as possible. We can also anonymise any questions that other people may find useful and share the answers with a wider audience. We will be creating a page on the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project website that will display all the relevant information - www.lowestoffrmp.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely



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