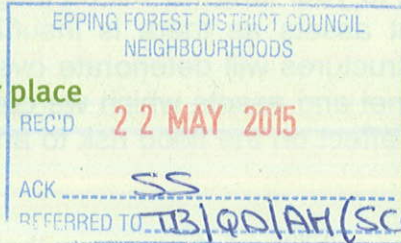


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Our ref Cease maintenance/Loughton
Brook

Date 20 May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Adoption of the River Roding Flood Risk Management Strategy

Referring to the following land parcels: Lyngwhite, High Road, Chigwell and land adjoining. Land at Grange Farm, High Road, Chigwell. Land and buildings on the south side of Langston Road, and land forming part of Chigwell Lane and Langston Road, Loughton. Land lying to the east of Hornbeam Road, Buckhurst Hill. Land and buildings on the west side of Chigwell Lane, Loughton. Land lying to the east of Hornbeam Road, Buckhurst Hill. Land lying to the west of Chigwell Lane, Loughton. Land on the south side of Oakwood Hill, Loughton. Land lying to the south east of Roding Road, Loughton, Land lying to the south east of Cranleigh Gardens, Loughton. Land at Roding Valley Recreation Ground, Roding Lane Chigwell/Buckhurst Hill. Land on the south side of Stondon Road, Ongar. Land on the North side of Roding Lane, Loughton. Land lying to the east of Hornbeam Road, Buckhurst Hill. 2-5 Birds Green, Willingale, Ongar (CM5 0PW). Land at Cascade Road, Buckhurst Hill.

The Environment Agency is responsible for the overview of flood risk management in England. We have been working on a flood risk management strategy for the River Roding and following consultation with the public, local government and other organisations, it was approved in July 2012.

The Roding Flood Risk Management Strategy identifies the best way to manage flood risk in the Roding Catchment over the next 100 years, with the aim of protecting as many properties as possible while carefully balancing the amount of public money we spend.

We are now beginning to implement the recommendations made in the strategy. As a landowner it is important that you are aware of how the changes may affect you. We have previously written to residents so you may have already received this letter.

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For the sections of River Roding nearest to your land we will no longer maintain the river channel or flood risk management assets as there is insufficient economic justification to continue this work. Any structures will deteriorate over time. We will, however, continue, to maintain the channel and assets which we currently do along the Loughton Brook and there will be no affect on the flood risk to any land you may own along this river.

River and asset maintenance is the responsibility of the person that owns the land immediately adjacent to the river, known as the 'riparian owner'. In some places we carry out maintenance using our permissive powers, but we have a limited budget for this work and must spend public money where it has the greatest benefit to people and property. The assets and channel which we will cease to maintain will therefore remain the responsibility of the riparian owner. Our booklet 'Living on the Edge' gives more information on riparian owners' responsibilities. This is available on our website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities or request a hard copy from us at the address below.

We will write to you again to give at least 12 months notice of when we intend to implement this change and to provide further information. Until this time we will continue with the work we currently do to maintain the River Roding.

We will also be investigating proposals for a flood storage area in the north of the catchment which will provide increased protection from flooding to over 1000 properties downstream. We will be contacting those affected shortly with further information on this proposal.

To find out more visit our website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-roding-flood-risk-management-scheme, contact us by email at RodingStrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk or call us on 01707 632468.

You can check your current flood risk via our website at www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood or by calling Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

Yours sincerely



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