

Mr Glen Chipp
Chief Executive of Epping Forest District
Council
Via email

Our Ref: 8/Councils, officers and
organisations

Date: 1 August 2014

Dear Mr Chipp

Adoption of the River Roding Strategy

The Environment Agency is responsible for the overview and provision 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 relevant organisations, it was approved in July 2012. We thank you for your input during the consultation which we have taken into consideration in arriving at the final recommendations.

We are now adopting the recommendations of the strategy and beginning to implement the preferred options. We are writing to all properties and landowners within the boundary of the River Roding's flood plain, advising them of the strategy recommendations and how the implementation will impact on their property. The implementation of this strategy will benefit 1000 properties in the catchment. Unfortunately, some properties will remain at high risk, or in a few cases, have an increased risk of flooding. We are working with these property owners to offer advice and guidance to ensure they are aware of their risk and steps they can take to minimise this risk and prepare for flooding.

Before we fully implement the changes to our maintenance work in this area, we will write to all affected parties to give at least 12 months formal notice of the change. This is in accordance with our Protocol for Maintenance of Flood and Coastal Risk Management Assets (England) (Version 2) October 2013.

The strategy identifies the best way to manage flood risk in the catchment, with the aim of protecting as many properties as possible while carefully balancing the amount of public money we spend.

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Our recommendations are based on government policy which means we must focus our work and make sure we continue to spend taxpayers' money where it delivers the greatest flood risk benefit. We assess all flood risk management activities using a risk based approach and invest in those activities that will contribute most to reducing flood risk per pound of funding.

Our booklet Living on the Edge gives more information on the rights and responsibilities of those who own land adjacent to a river bank. This is available on our website at **www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities**.

The Roding Strategy recommendations, which include a flood storage area at Shonks Mill upstream of the M25 as well as changes to maintenance activities, will reduce flood risk to 1000 properties. We have started investigations into the flood storage area and will contact local residents in the coming months. To find out more visit our website at **www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-roding-flood-risk-management-scheme** . Our Post Adoption Statement and a Statement of Environmental Particulars are also on this website. Alternatively you can view the document at our Hatfield office or request copies by writing to:

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If you have any questions please contact us at this address.

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