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FAO Ms Debbie Barnes
Acting Chief Executive
Lincolnshire County Council
County Offices,
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Date 2nd December 2019

Dear Ms Barnes

Re: Extensive Flooding in the Short Ferry area

Bardney Group Parish Council are writing this open letter to you to raise our concerns over the role of Lincolnshire County Council during the recent and ongoing flooding.

BGPC are concerned about the Gold Command decision to allow the flood plains in Bardney to flood to protect properties in Lincoln, without considering the known weakness in the bank at Barlings Eau. BGPC would like to know the timeframe for the decision and why those downstream were not notified of this action.

The road through Short Ferry has been underwater for several weeks, however there has been no information available from LCC Highways. In fact there has been no communications over this issue at all. The road is a major arterial route into Lincoln, not only for local residents but those travelling from the east of the county. The closure of the road has impacted on the other villages and the road through Stainfield is deteriorating rapidly due to the increase in traffic.

Stainfield has also been subject to flooding on both the highway and property. Residents have contacted BGPC and are frustrated as the Environment Agency have advised them that it is a Highways issue, however their requests for a site visit has been responded with a refusal to attend or consider the issue..

The Clerk for the Parish Council has been trying to contact the Regional Manager for the area for several weeks without success to discuss this and other issues, even when advising that flooding was taking place.



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Therefore, the reason for this letter is to ask the following;

- What is the timeframe for assessing the Short Ferry road once the water has receded?
- Will repairs to the road be classed as a priority?
- Has there been any assessment of the road whilst it has been underwater?
- Will the road through Stainfield be repaired?
- Will someone from Highways visit to assess and address the flooding problem in the centre of Stainfield village?
- Will LCC carryout a debrief once the flooding has been addressed and will parish councils be consulted?
- Why has there been such poor communication from LCC over this issue, when sitting MP's and County Councillors have been allowed to use the event for personal promotion?
- Will an effective and coherent Flood Plan be implemented for whenever the next flooding situation occurs?

These questions have already been raised with our elected County Councillor, both by the parish council and local residents however no official response has yet been received.

BGPC would very much welcome your support with this matter and as this is an open letter, we will publish your response on our website and Facebook page.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Robert Webb
Chairman
Bardney Group Parish Council