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Subject: FW: ExternalFlooding Engagement

Dear Parish Clerks

Under the Flood and Water Management Act, Section 19 stipulates that the Lead Local Flood Authority must investigate any significant flood event. The criteria for this to trigger is contained within our Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, published here at https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20023/environmental_problems/350/flooding/3

The recent storms in Swindon on 17th/18th September and Friday 13th October, both triggered the requirement for a Section 19 investigation report to be undertaken. We have collected data from partner agencies such as Thames Water and the Environment Agency but wish to approach local parish councils, flood action groups and residents in the coming weeks to ensure that a comprehensive understanding of the flood event can be gained.

The 'S19' process will determine the responsibilities of each risk management authority along with landowners, and will identify future actions that can manage the flood risk to the local community. The report will be published on our SBC website once completed.

We also appreciate that a number of communities have also been affected by the rainfall on Friday 20th October and Storm Ciaran. At this time, we do not hold enough data to determine whether this triggers the requirement for a formal investigation. However, we will be asking for information for these flood events too, irrespective of whether a formal investigation report is completed or not.

We would welcome you to share any advice in how we can approach your residents. Whether this is attending an existing Parish Council meeting or a specially arranged stand-alone events or any other suggestions you may have.

We also invite you to share any information from your areas with us to help further build our understanding of these events, along with suggesting any communities we should approach.

Please respond to flooding@swindon.gov.uk. We would politely ask that at this point you do **not** share this email with local residents, as this address will not be used to provide emergency assistance but is instead picking up on the wider evidence base. We will be engaging with residents shortly and have already started visits to some of the most affected properties over the past couple of weeks.

Thank you so much for all your help.

Many thanks

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