



CABINET - 6 FEBRUARY 2002

## **SOUTH EAST RINGWOOD LAND DRAINAGE INVESTIGATION AND FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 As a result of flooding in South East Ringwood, and in anticipation of future development in the area, an investigation has been carried out into the land drainage system at a cost of £12,000 and proposals for works established.
- 1.2 Developers in the areas draining through South East Ringwood have paid contributions totalling £116,000 to the Council for improvements to the land drainage system there. The cost of the investigation has been met from this fund and the cost of the works can also be covered by it.
- 1.3 In South East Ringwood the land drainage and highway drainage systems are closely linked. Therefore the New Works team have been working closely with the Area Surveyor for Hampshire County Council to produce a single strategy for drainage of the area without duplicating schemes.

### **2. PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 Hampshire County Council have already undertaken works in Crow Lane and Green Lane and are planning works in Moortown Lane and between Christchurch Road and Haskells Pond.
- # 2.2 It is proposed that the District Council will re-establish silted up ponds off Crow Hill and around Crow Crossroads to provide storage for flood flows. A similar storage area will be created in the blind ditch to the south of the bridleway between Green Lane and Crow Lane (see Plan 1 attached).
- 2.3 Agreement has been reached with Ringwood and District Angling Club to replace a derelict manually operated sluice between the Foulford Stream and Hightown Lake with a weir.
- 2.4 Cleaning and general maintenance will be undertaken to the Crow Stream between Streets Lane Bridge and Brook House, North Kingston.
- 2.5 The Ward Member has been kept informed of the progress of the investigations and of the proposed works.



### **3. COSTS**

3.1 The cost of this work is estimated at £96,000 plus £8,000 for professional fees.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The cost of the proposed works can be covered by the Developers' Contributions held by the Council.

### **5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

### **6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The New Works team are working with the Environment Agency and with English Nature to minimise disruption to existing wildlife habitats and maximise the creation of new habitats.

6.2 All spoil will be disposed of to a licensed tip.

### **7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 The New Works team have consulted Hampshire County Council, The Environment Agency, English Nature, The Ringwood and District Angling Club and affected landowners. As the works progress, these consultations will be continued.

### **8. COMMENTS FROM ENVIRONMENT REVIEW PANEL**

8.1 That the Cabinet be advised that the Panel supports the recommendation below.

### **9. RECOMMENDATION**

9.1 It is recommended that £104,000 be made available from Developers' Contributions to carry out land drainage works in South East Ringwood.

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#### **Background Papers**

None

