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Dear

**Report Back on Petition – Flooding at the Back of Parry Road from the River Sowe**

I refer to the above petition which was the subject of a further report to the Cabinet Member (City Services) meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. Following the end of the call-in period, I write to inform you that at this meeting Councillor Harvard was informed about the actions that had been undertaken in response to the residents concerns about the flooding at the back of Parry Road.

Councillor Harvard was informed that the City Council had been working closely with Severn Trent to determine if any leakage from surface water sewers had been occurring. These investigations proved inconclusive and it was determined that the flooding was not related to leakage. He noted that consultation had also been undertaken with the Environment Agency and drainage officers had visited residents affected by the groundwater flooding.

The preferred solution to the flooding problem had been drawn up and tendered. This involved the installation of deep wells bored up to 10m in depth to allow the groundwater to percolate away. The bored pipe would be placed in a ringed soakaway, together with a new land drainage system which would collect groundwater and discharge it into the River Sowe, keeping the parkland and gardens free from flooding.

Councillor Harvard gave approval for the project to be assessed and prioritised by the Council's Flood Risk Management Group alongside other schemes across the city at their next meeting in January, 2012. The monitoring of the flooding was included in the City's Surface Water Management Plan.



No doubt you will inform the petitioners accordingly. I am sending a copy of this letter to  
for their information.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on  
the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

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