

BLOXHAM SECTION 19 REPORT ITEMS TO BE TARGETED, EXPEDITED OR CLARIFIED

This listing follows the order of the recommendations in the report.

1. **(Time critical)** - We need to get the schedule for the cleaning of the “highway drainage assets”. This schedule needs to recognise that many of the drains block up in autumn with the movement of the farm traffic and the falling leaves – so we want the drains to be as clear as possible prior to any heavy rains.
It is essential that we get advance notice of the schedule so that we can forewarn residents to have their cars clear of the drains on the right days.
We know that the Drainline cleaning vehicle is too big to get access to Workhouse Lane – so OCC need to send a team with a smaller vehicle to clear those drains. The Drainline team who were in the village in March said that they would pass the issue to OCC – but it is clear that none of the drains in this area have been lifted recently as many of them can be seen to be totally blocked.
The locations to be cleared must include all those streets that feed water towards critical locations, including but not limited to - Colegrave Road, Brookside Way, Greenhills Park, Courtington Lane, Painters Close, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham Road, Strawberry Terrace, Strawberry Hill, Schofield's Way
Status 1 Sep 25: The Drainline team visited the village during August to clear the drain pits and drain channels. We currently have a query outstanding with OCC asking them to confirm that the drains on High Street and Workhouse Lane were successfully cleared.
2. **(Time critical)** - We have a working Flood Action Group – set up in January. We are planning to hold a “Flood Resilience Workshop” at 7pm on September 25th. What assistance can CDC & OCC LLFA give us?
Status 1 Sep 25: The Workshop is still planned for 25th Sep, 7pm, Jubilee Hall. We will be getting outside speakers to share their knowledge of flood resilience and Natural Flood management approaches within other regional villages
3. We need a contact at the EA so that we can input local knowledge into their work with riparian owners.
Status 1 Sep 25: awaited
4. **(Time critical)** - We need to expedite the first stage of the work effecting Workhouse Lane – which is the upgrading of the baffles etc on the School playing fields. The OCC Consultant is the critical resource to ensure that this work is ready to go at the next school half-term.
We need to be engaged with the planning and execution of the of the underground works on the school car park and on the High Street to ensure that all known issues are being covered, and that the target completion dates are being met.
Status 1 Sep 25: Update published on 8Aug on “Flooding” page on Parish Council website

5. As before, we need EA and CDC contacts to ensure that all lengths of main rivers and ordinary watercourses are assessed for repair and maintenance – and that these consider all sources of water into the village – including the brook as it flows into the village from the Slade, and how a significant volume of water is also added opposite Hyde Grove where it drains from the Recreation ground and beyond.

This work is also vital as it will help all parties to understand how the many proposed new developments around the village will add to the water flows – and the location of where they get added is also critical.

It is clearly important to see a timing plan for these works.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

6. As before, we need contact details so that we can be engaged with the CDC and OCC walkovers of the culverted watercourses in the village.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

7. (**Time critical**) - Thames Water must expedite their investigations into the limited network capacity at Steeple Close and Workhouse Lane.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

8. Thames Water to provide information on their maintenance programs so that we can assess whether known issues are being addressed.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

9. (**Time critical – since there is a lot of work to be done before this work can be undertaken**) - Thames Water to expedite their investigations into the routing of the High Street water drainage and outfall into the brook (in conjunction with OCC LLFA and CDC as noted). Although, there is also a need to confirm that this is indeed a TW responsibility rather than OCC.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

10. Thames Water to expedite their investigations into the potentially sealing off the foul sewer system behind Greenhills Park.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

11. (**Time critical**) - We need a contact for OCC LLFA so that we can input to their discussions with stakeholders and landowners on the conditions of structures and assets.

This also needs to address the riparian responsibilities of keeping trash screens on private land – but which are critical to the flow dynamics within the village – cleared.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

12. (**Time critical**) - We need the OCC LLFA and CDC contact points so that we can share the work we have already initiated on flood mitigation in the local fields and farms.

I have already noted the importance of expediting the Consultant's input to the baffle boards etc around Courtington Lane.

Status 1 Sep 25: awaiting info on contacts

13. As above, we need to be able to share our activities and progress (or otherwise) on local NFM with the relevant OCC LLFA, CDC and EA contacts to improve the

focus of the work and minimise potential duplication of effort.

It is also known that other areas of the village suffered excess water flow – such as Bloxham Road where the water appeared to be flowing towards Green Garth. Potential mitigations for these areas via improved NFM must be included.

14. (**Time critical**) - CDC to advise a schedule for their risk based inspections of the Tadmarton Road trash screens (one on each side of the Tadmarton Road).

Status 1 Sep 25: awaited

15. (**Time critical**) - As noted in point 2, we are planning a Flood Resilience Workshop at 7pm on 25 September, and would appreciate and benefit from any assistance that OCC, CDC and EA can provide.

Status 1 Sep 25: Flood workshop is confirmed as noted earlier