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Re: Flooding on Haven Road

Dear Kevin,

I am writing to you today about the ongoing flooding issues on Haven Road that have persisted for the last sixty years.

Haven Road is a main through road for anyone living in the south of Colchester. When it floods it brings the whole of Colchester to a standstill. It also has various businesses and residences that are affected by the consistent flooding at high tide.

Just over five years ago now, all partner agencies came together to look at solutions. This included Colchester Borough Council, Essex County Council and Anglian Water. Funding was found to install new drains to stop flooding during heavy rain, which has been successful. However dialogue has since broken down and the road will always flood at high tide.

The flooding itself seems to be coming directly from the drains as the Quay is not flooded, while water is clearly bubbling up from the roadside drains. Anglian Water sadly deny any responsibility. Secondly we are aware of a broken flood valve on the quay that is owned by Anglian Water and has not been repaired for decades. They again deny any liability. Just like the smell from the sewage works, Anglian Water seem to show no regard for the residents of Colchester.

As head of Highways you are more than aware of the importance of our priority routes, of which Haven Road is one of them. You will also be aware of the damage this constant flooding is causing to the road surface, which in turn costs Essex Highways thousands, if not tens of thousands each year.

Another issue with this site is that the river has not been dredged for many years. The last time it was came in 2008 when £2 million of funding was provided by the government. In your role as head of Essex Highways I would ask that you work with the MP and partner agencies to secure funding for this endeavour.

I am hoping I can work alongside you and other partner agencies to work towards a solution to this ongoing problem. In your capacity as Deputy Leader of Essex County Council we need your support to put pressure on Anglian Water to take action for their responsibilities and for partner agencies to work together in the best interests of Colchester.

I look forward to your reply and hope we can work together in the future on this project.

Yours sincerely,

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