

Information

for County Councillors

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***Sent on behalf of all the organisations involved in the 20 Year Flood
Action Plan***

Proposals for Muchelney road raising

As part of the Levels and Moors Flood Action Plan (FAP), proposals have been developed to secure access to the village of Muchelney which was cut-off for a prolonged period during last winter's extensive flooding.

Although the FAP is being delivered by a wide range of organisations, ensuring providing road access for Muchelney is a Highways issue and therefore the responsibility of the County Council.

Following a feasibility study, we are now in a position to share our preferred option which we considered the most affordable and is potentially deliverable within this year.

The proposed scheme would raise the first 500m of the Drayton Road from Muchelney by 60cm. This should maintain access to the village if there is a repeat of last winter's levels of flooding.

We will be sharing the proposals with the local community at a drop-in event in Muchelney Church on 3 July, 3-8pm. This will be a chance for the public to look at the proposals, ask questions and make comments. The information will also be available on the Council website <http://somersexnewsroom.com/flood-action-plan/> by the 3 July.

The event will also share brief details of other options considered by the feasibility study and why they were not preferred options. Landowners who

would be affected by the scheme are being contacted.

In order to meet the challenging deadline of delivering the scheme before the end of the year, we have started a tendering process that will provide a cost for the scheme. The feasibility study provided estimated costs, but these are not being shared at this time so as not to compromise the procurement process.

Our aim is that a second decision on whether to proceed with our preferred scheme will be taken before the end of July. This will take into account the costs identified through the tendering process and comments received from the community.

We will keep you updated as this scheme progresses.

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