

DIG Report End September 2024

1. Harrow Area Flooding

Following our follow up letter to Bucks Council on the February flooding, we received a response from the Council dated 5th September from a Community Liaison Officer assuring us that they are confident that the drainage system in place is adequate and with proper maintenance the flooding will not happen again. Our request for a meeting has been ignored.

Since then, of course, the Harrow and multiple gardens were flooded on 23 September. It's terrible that another flooding has occurred in the Harrow area following a very heavy period of rain over the weekend. From what understand the response from the Council and Fire Services has not been great

2. Presentation to Flooding Response Select Committee

We provided a paper to the Select Committee for their meeting on Monday 23rd September. The meeting was changed from the Aylesbury office to an online meeting because of flooding in the area.

3. Chiltern Society & the Hughenden Stream

Paulw and Sarah Mustapha attended the 2nd Chalk Stream Project workshop on 15th July about the Hughenden Stream Restoration Plan. This second meeting was to prioritise the works so that decisions can be made on what can or cannot be done, allowing for budget etc.

By December it is hoped that a document will be produced for public dissemination.

We were introduced to Robert Morsley, a consultant hydrologist from the River Thames Conservancy Trust. Robert has been assigned to the stream restoration project to investigate Natural Flood Management possibilities for the upper reaches of the stream, namely from the pumping station up to the top of Warrendene and beyond.

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