

## CDC update on our activities in North Cotswolds this Summer and Autumn

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CDC as the planning authority continue to process applications using information obtained from statutory and non-statutory consultees. CDC is very reliant on those consultees to submit considered views not only on the application site itself but also on the implications for the wider area and to consider the accuracy of proposed details, such as existing drainage systems and sewerage treatment works capabilities.

To help CDC make correct planning decisions regarding sewerage drainage, monthly meetings with Thames Water have been held to help both organisations understand the views and needs of the other, as well as to help CDC understand the TW planning consultee process and sewerage treatment works processes including some of the calculations involved.

Other meetings have also been held with Severn Trent Water and Wessex water to find out more about their plans for the area although those meetings have not become regular meetings so far.

CDC has also engaged with the flood groups at Fairford, Bledington and Moreton which have become useful multi-agency forums which enable local people to voice their concerns, reports and ideas directly to agency reps, rather than talk to someone on the end of a phone.

CDC has also picked up an investigation into a long-standing river pollution situation arising from the Blenheim Park estate in Moreton, The EA were made aware of the situation but failed to respond to it which caused some considerable upset to those parties made aware of the situation. CDC is now investigating the location of the probable cross connection with a view to instructing work to rectify the problem for the long term.

CDC still has UBICO carrying out its trash screen maintenance and CDC owned watercourse clearing operation principally in Moreton and Bourton on the Water.

CDC is also still the agent for the GCC/LLFA for processing land drainage consent applications and enforcement of the Land Drainage Act where unconsented works have taken place.

CDC has also been very involved in the flood response in the Cotswolds from storm Henk and storm Bert. Many locations suffered from flooding with reports of homes being internally flooded from across the district and beyond. CDC have commenced

visits to every single property that has reported flooding to understand more about the cause and extent of the flooding, whether there are any welfare concerns and to help us be in a position to respond promptly to any funding opportunities that arise for flood resilience and resistance work.

We are also working closely with GCC Highways to have highway drainage be as effective as it can be by instructing landowners to clear ditches that drainage discharges to.

