

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



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Dear Mr Johnson

**FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS TO EMBARKEMENTS ALONG COVELL'S DRAIN,
SWAVESEY**

Further to our discussions and site meetings, I confirm that this Council will be in a position to undertake improvement and flood protection works on your property at the above location.

I would like to make it clear that the works will be carried out as part of a joint approach by the Council and yourself for the purpose of mitigating flooding. Although the Council is only responsible for cleaning and maintenance works, I have obtained the agreement of our Land Drainage Working Group to spread imported spoil and re-cut the dyke on your side of the drain. Please note that no compensation of any sort will be payable by the Council for crop loss or mechanical damage to your land.

I understand that you will be in a position to import a suitable clay material for use on the embankment and that this will be stockpiled on your land before you place it in the existing ditch and along the embankment. Our machine will help spread the material up the embankment and compact it into position. Following this, the new dyke will be excavated and the 'arising' material spread over the newly created section of embankment.

A period not exceeding three weeks has been allowed for the duration of the works. I must point out to you that any works you feel may be necessary after this period has expired will have to be carried out at your expense. I have enclosed a plan of the general area indicating the extent of the works and the likely area of land that will be required. You should note that this plan is only indicative and I feel that the works will probably affect most of your field.

I hope to be in a position to commence as soon as the weather conditions permit. It would seem prudent, therefore, to start stockpiling as soon as possible to ensure that you can draw the material to the embankment when your field begins to dry out. I will rely on your guidance as to when the land is suitable for the works to commence but we must complete by the end of June to avoid a clash with our annual maintenance programme.

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I hope the above is reasonably clear but please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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