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Dear Resident

**Reference Number: C2001FLD03**

**Location: Ordinary watercourse at Glastonbury Drive, Poynton.**

**Re: LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991, SECTION 25: POWERS TO REQUIRE WORKS FOR MAINTAINING FLOW OF WATERCOURSE.**

Following periods of intense and prolonged rainfall the local watercourses in Poynton exceed their natural capacity and flooding occurs affecting local properties. During and after a flood event large volumes of material are deposited by the flood water reducing the system's capacity.

Cheshire East Council has been working in this area to assist in the removal of obstructions to flow and maintain the flow of the local watercourses in line with the Land Drainage Act 1991. These works are designed to reduce the impact of flooding in this location and allow water to drain away naturally to the main river of Poynton Brook.

Cheshire East Council has already undertaken a series of cleansing works, without prejudice, on both the culverted and open sections of the ordinary watercourse local to this area; removing several tonnes of material and restoring the systems to their full capacity, see figure 1.

The maintenance responsibility of ordinary watercourses continue to lie with the riparian owners, for more details please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

**Figure 1 Before and after culverted watercourse cleanse at Mayfair Close**

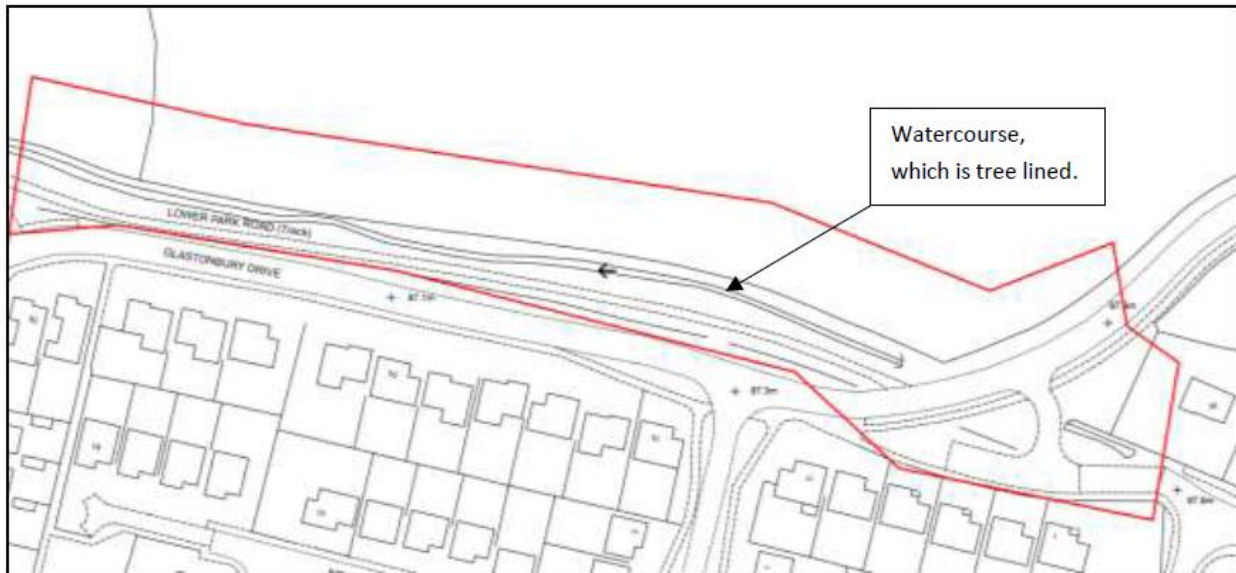


Further works are programmed to start on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to remove obstructions to flow in the open section of watercourse at Glastonbury Drive including fallen tree branches, silt and debris. The works are likely to take 3 weeks, subject to weather/ground conditions etc.

In order to enable these works all environmental legislation has been followed and a full tree survey and ecological assessment including bat survey has been conducted to ensure that the habitat was recorded and understood and the impact on local wildlife is minimised.

Machines will need to access the channel to undertake the works from the south bank and some of the dead/damaged tree branches/trees will need to be removed.

Figure 2 Current working area



The surveys recommended the suitability of felling and pollarding of a number of trees at this location. Using this data as a guide the team has selected the minimum number of trees to fell/pollard.

No works will be undertaken on the north bank of the watercourse to maintain both channel stability and a safe corridor for wildlife.

No trees with Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) will be felled; however the Council has been granted special permission to trim braches if works would otherwise damage them, to reduce any impact to these trees.

All affected trees have been marked up; those with a GREEN P will be pollarded and those with a GREEN F will be felled as shown in the images below:

Plate 1: Overview of trees G2 along Glastonbury Drive



Plate 2: Example of 'F' meaning to fell



Plate 4: Example 'P' meaning to pollard



Plate 5: Roots at base of water channel



The aim of these works is to reduce the impact of future flood events on your community, with minimum impact to the local wildlife. The removal of dead and damaged tree branches and trees will improve the appearance of this area, while new log piles habitats will be created as an ecological enhancement.

Yours faithfully

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