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Dear Sir/Madam,

One-off Clearance of Besthorpe Stream culverts in Mill Lane, Besthorpe and Norwich Rd, Attleborough

This is notice to relevant landowners that a Multi-Agency Group (MAG) consisting of Breckland DC, Anglian Water and Norfolk County Council have jointly commissioned the Lanes Group PLC to undertake general maintenance works (non-structural, desilting only) to the large culverts underneath the adopted highway and private properties in Mill Lane, Besthorpe and Norwich Rd/Briar Gardens, Attleborough.

These works are due to take place w/c 29th July 2024 (or earlier if weather conditions allow) and should extend into mid-August. This will be another one-time piece of work funded by the MAG. We are undertaking these works as a goodwill gesture in response to flooding that occurred in the immediate area in October 2023. It has been identified via surveys inside both culverts that certain sections have a dense layer of silt and rubble accumulating on the base.

The required task is to clear the sediment accumulations with vacuum jetting unit (or VACEX) and manned entry into the culverts when required and safe to do so to i.e. low flow conditions. Please note that funding is limited and only the worst accumulations will be cleared. Our objective is to remove any large impediments to flow and maximise discharge rates within both culverts.

The MAG stress that by doing these works we accept no liability to the future condition of the culverts, and we are not making any claim to their ownership. As you may be aware the culvert has reverted to mostly private ownership. We are not obligated to undertake these works now or in the future but feel that as a risk management authority the works are warranted until longer term solutions are arranged and implemented.

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It is to my best understanding that the contractor will not restrict any of your private accesses during the works, nor use Traffic Management and therefore the road will remain open as usual, other than a little noise from equipment. However we may ask you to move vehicles out of the way where possible to move the lorry as close to inspection chambers.

The contractor won't be letter dropping prior too works commencing but may call round to ask for access permissions.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us details above.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Halls (Senior Flood Risk Officer)
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