

KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

9th Leicester Scout Group, 58 Stoughton Road, Leicester, LE2 2EF

Present:

Councillor Grant

Councillor Gugnani

Councillor Dr Moore (Chair)

In Attendance:

Sir Peter Soulsby, City Mayor

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
29.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Moore, Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone and led the introductions.
30.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Received from Chris Bramley-Brown (City Warden – not invited), and Peter Carr and John Jones (Residents).
31.	ACTION LOG	<p>The Action Log from the meeting held on 1 March 2016 was received and noted.</p> <p>The Chair announced the agenda for the meeting would be taken out of order.</p>
32.	KNIGHTON FUN DAY - FUTURE PLANNING	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Leicester Mercury news article (9/8/2016) on Knighton Fun Day was reported as being inaccurate. Friends of Knighton Park, as fund holders, stated the doubt over the future of the fun day was not due to funding.• Council staffing cuts had seen the removal of officer support for the event.• Residents were concerned there was no lead officer to organise the fun day. They stressed volunteers did not have the capacity to organise such a large event.• Councillors to meet with Friends of Knighton Park to discuss a way forward, prior to meeting with parks officers in November 2016.• Councillors assured residents they would work hard to find a solution to keep the event.
33.	KNIGHTON FORUM	Simon Bennett, Chair, Knighton Neighbourhood

	<p>- FEEDBACK & UPDATE</p>	<p>Forum, provided an update.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a consultation exercise, the designated area was agreed by Leicester City Council. • A second application for funding had been submitted to Locality, the national network for community led organisations. The Forum would look at setting up a Community Interest Company in Knighton to hold the money. Ward funding would also be sought. • The next meeting would be on Tuesday 20th September 2016, 7.45pm, Knighton Parish Centre, to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Neighbourhood Plan fitted with the Council's Local Plan. • The vision for the Knighton Neighbourhood Plan. • Publicity for the meeting had been circulated. • A working group would be set up – first meeting expected October 2016. • Consultants to be commissioned to analyse data for Knighton to compare with the Local Plan and other cities. • An event to be organised to allow residents to engage with the consultants.
<p>34.</p>	<p>KNIGHTON WARD - FLOODING ISSUES</p>	<p>Martin Fletcher, Head of Highways, delivered a presentation on Hol Brook and flooding issues in the area (attached for information).</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The weather conditions on 14 June 2016 were a one-in-75 year storm event; • Water from Oadby filtered down to Carisbrooke; • Hol Brook arose from the botanical gardens at the University, and received high volumes from highway run off; • There was a complicated mixture of sewers and watercourse going into a tight restriction on Carisbrooke Road, with more water coming in than going out; • The source of water, and ways of managing its pathway (for example, diversion) would be looked at. Options would be appraised for feasibility; • Property level protection was a last resort. Flash flooding required the owners of the property to be available to deploy flood defences;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement had been reached with Severn Trent to work as a joint task group; • Severn Trent also had statutory responsibilities, though they were able to analyse issues better to find a solution; • The long term aim was trying to improve the drainage systems, and manage water at source; • Knighton Park had four reservoirs storing flood water. Any scheme that would increase the water levels at Saffron Brook, the Environment Agency would need to be involved; • The City Council sought to maintain the watercourses, and informed the Environment Agency of any issues; • Brook ownership – some owned by the city council, some by landowners; • Residents who needed to report issues could contact the Ward Councillors for assistance or use the Love Leicester App; • Planning took into account flooding issues. There were control measures for run off in new developments; • Responsibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drains on the side of road and connection to sewers - Highways. ○ The Sewers – Severn Trent ○ Culverts – City Council ○ Brook – Environment Agency • If a watercourse collapsed it was the responsibility of the landowner to repair; • It was acknowledged there were no obvious solutions. Residents affected by flooding requested short term options to be introduced. Ward Councillors noted that in 2012, £1,500 Ward Funding had been allocated to be used to assist with short term measures, for example, sand bags. Further funding could be given, and in addition city council money would also be used to assist with preventative measures. <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Head of Highways to be invited to the next Knighton Community meeting to provide an update. • Previously allocated £1,500 Ward Funding to be used to assist with short term measures.
35.	CITY WARDEN	The City Warden was asked not to attend due to a late agenda change. A full update will be given at the

		next meeting.
36.	LOCAL POLICE UPDATE	The Police were asked not to attend due to a late agenda change. A full update will be given at the next meeting.
37.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	Outcomes from the Knighton Ward Funding Budget, 1 st and 2 nd round of applications, is attached for information.
38.	ANY URGENT BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents asked if there had been any applications for Free Schools in Leicester. Councillors responded that they were not aware of any applications, but would make enquiries. <p>ACTION: The Chair would feedback information at the next Knighton Community Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was informed of an appeal by the Deputy City Mayor for residents to sign the petition to protect Children's Cardiac Heart Services at Glenfield Hospital. Residents were disappointed there was no representation from the police at the meeting. They believed some areas of Knighton had seen an increase in crime, with cars being particularly targeted.
39.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Hol Brook

Overall context & background

- Ordinary watercourse
- Highly urbanised catchment
- Uncertainty over upstream drainage detail
- Culverted lengths receiving surface water runoff from roads and other impermeable areas over a large area
- Relatively steep catchment
- Quick response to rainfall
- Historic flooding upstream – A6 & Meadowcourt Rd
- Flooding more recently downstream – Carisbrooke Rd



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Hol Brook

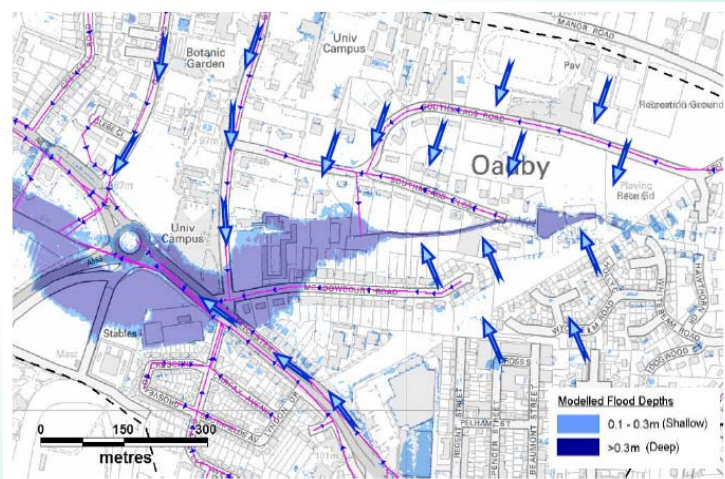
Estimated catchment



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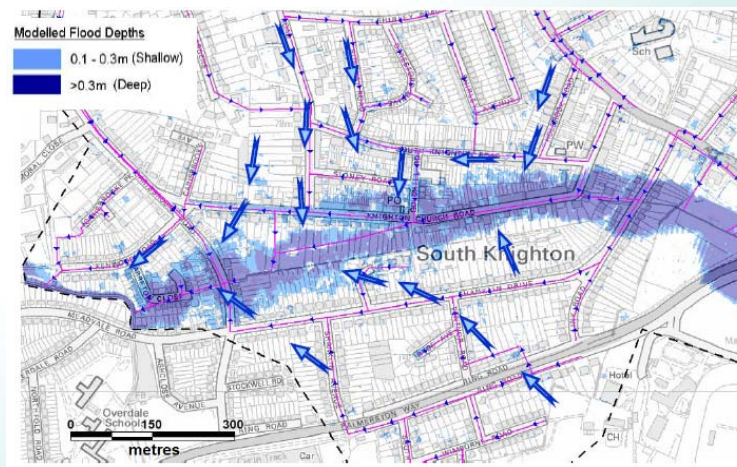
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Upstream – Oadby to City boundary



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Downstream - City Boundary to Saffron Brook



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Culvert running full bore



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Approach to managing rainfall run-off:

- Source
- Pathway
- Receptor

Securing funding:

- Options appraisal
- Affordability tests (cost / benefit analysis)



Hol Brook flooding options

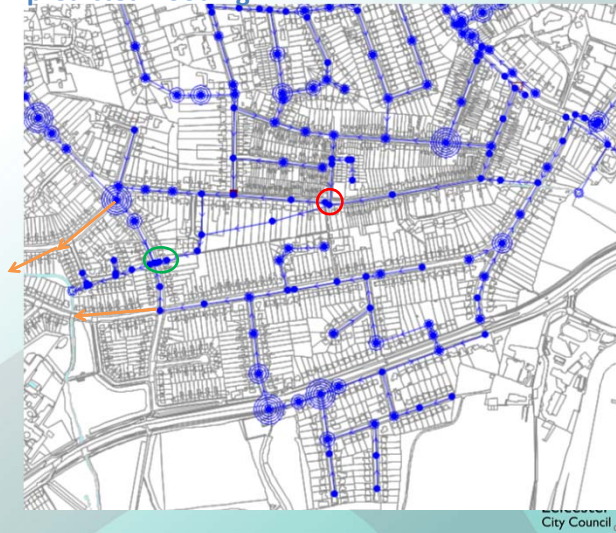
Existing options considered



Hol Brook flooding options

Proposals based on predicted flooding

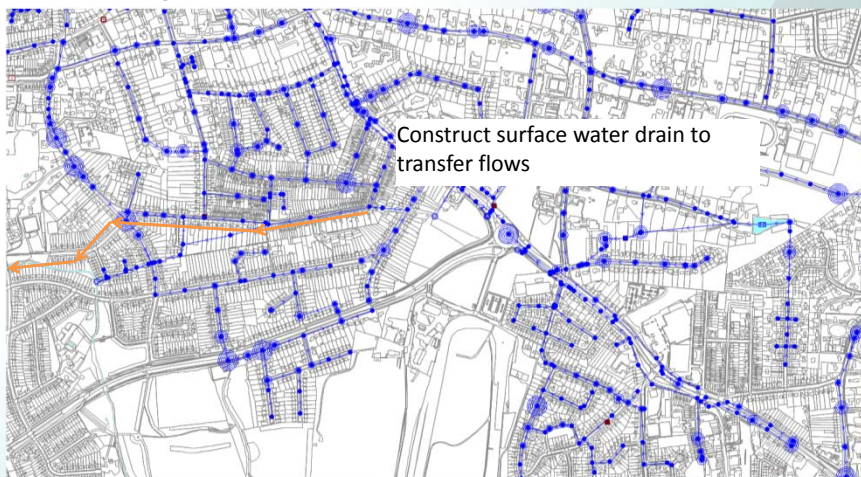
- Removal of flow restriction
- Potential Bifurcation
- ← Potential sewer diversion route



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Hol Brook flooding options

Diversion option



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Hol Brook

Where do we go from here?

- Range of measures being considered to reduce risk – you can never eliminate risk
- Working closely with Severn Trent Water, Environment Agency & County Council
- Local Levy funding agreed in principal to support detailed sewer system analysis for potential enhancements
- Upstream storage would need to be linked to A6 culvert improvements



Hol Brook

Short term options

- Community flood wardens
- Community flood plan
- Flashing flood warning signs
- Local sandbag & sign store
- Property level protection by individual property owner



Hol Brook

Medium term options

- Trash screen on upstream pipe entry Carisbrooke Road
- Provide flood route across Carisbrooke Road
- Maintenance activities in community flood plan
- Property level protection as part of a scheme



Hol Brook

Long term options

- Oadby / London Road A6 culvert improvements
- Upstream storage
- Sewer system enhancements Knighton Church Rd & Carisbrooke Rd to divert flows
- Upsize culvert - Carisbrooke Road/ Arreton Close



Knighton Ward Funding Budget – First Third – May 31st Close Date / 2016

	Project Name:	Event:	Amount Requested:	Supported /Not Supported:	Amount Awarded:	Comments:
2nd Third – Funding Applications						
Fast Track.	Knighton Neighbourhood Forum.	Knighton Neighbourhood – Developing a Neighbourhood Plan / next stage of activity for Knighton Neighbourhood Forum.	£496	Fully Supported.	£496.00	Applicants to be informed.
Application Over £500 to be considered after 31 st Sept. 16.	F U Media – Stoneygate Christmas Market 2016.	To organise a street market for the Stoneygate shops.	£5,469.00 total Application. £500 – Stoneygate £4,969.00 Knighton.	To be Considered 2 nd 3 rd funding round.		
1st Third Funding Applications Outcomes.						
	63 rd Leicester Scout Group.	Purchase of Gala Tent, wash & toilet tents and other camping equipment.	£2,000	Part Supported.	£1,000	
	Mike Burnage.	Replacement of entrance gates to the church Land Gardens, Knighton.	£1,290	Not Supported.		
	The Clarendon Chronicle Magazine.	To launch a printed community newspaper for Knighton, Stoneygate and Clarendon Park residents.	£1,266 total – £800 Knighton Ward.	Not Supported.		

	Michelle Dhillon.	Music journalism workshops for 11-19 year old – after school group.	£2,545.00 Joint App. Castle. £1,273 per ward.	Application Withdrawn.		
	Clarendon Park Online.	Clarendon Park Online Community Forum.	Community based website or unified independent online presence within Clarendon Park community.	Not Supported.		

Opening Balance	£18,000
Spend Period One – first 3rd	£1,000.
Spend Period Two – second 3rd	£496.00
<u>Overall Remaining Balance = £</u>	<u>£16,504.</u>