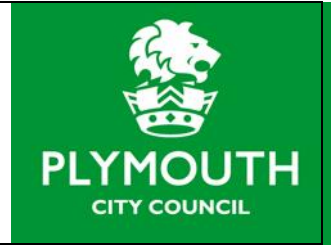


QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



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Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Question submitted by: Mr Gregg Black
To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Highways Portfolio Holder
To be asked at the next Cabinet Meeting: Cabinet
Question (to be no longer than 50 words): Lipson Vale often floods due to many issues, one of them due to Trefusis Park. Recently there were plans to alter the park which will help the flooding, are these plans still going ahead and is there anything that can be done about the flooding in the short term?
Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

It is still intended to take forward the proposed Trefusis Park Flood Relief Scheme and commence works in the park in late Spring 2023.

There has been a delay to the confirmation of the Environment Agency funding required for the project. The project business case is still with the national Environment Agency approval team for consideration. The approval process has been complicated and delayed because of significant capital inflationary pressures, which have had to be explored in the project business case. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that final approval from the Environment Agency will be confirmed in early February 2023.

Alongside this project, the City Council has been working with South West Water to develop a programme of surface water separation works upstream of the park in the Compton Vale area. This work will further reduce the risk of flooding in Lipson Vale.

Through the Building Resilience in Communities (BRIC) project, the City Council has also been engaging and consulting with the local Lipson Vale and Bernice Terrace communities in order to raise the awareness of flooding issues. This has also resulted in the establishment of a Community Flood Action Group to help reduce the impact of flooding in the community.

In addition, new flood warning equipment is being installed at the Lipson Co-operative Academy to provide an early warning of heavy rainfall which will allow both the community and emergency services to better prepare for flooding events.