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Your Ref: LCC/2021/002

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Date; 3rd February 2021

Development Control Lancashire County Council.

With reference to:

APPLICATION: LCC/2021/0002 PROPOSAL: WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH AREAS 1 AND 2 OF THE PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME CONSISTING OF NEW AND REPLACEMENT FLOOD DEFENCES ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS OF THE RIVER RIBBLE AND OTHER ANCILLARY FLOOD WORKS, INCLUDING: LAND REPROFILING, LANDSCAPING AND HABITAT CREATION, WORKS TO TIE-IN TO THE GRADE II LISTED PENWORTHAM OLD BRIDGE AND RAILWAY VIADUCT OVER RIVER RIBBLE, A TEMPORARY REMOTE CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AND TEMPORARY SITE ACCESS.

Penwortham Town Council discussed the aforementioned application at the full meeting of the council on Tuesday 2nd February 2021.

Whilst the Town Council fully appreciate the needs for the flood risk management scheme there are some concerns regarding Penwortham Allotment site and the play area aside Margaret Road, Penwortham.

The wall to replace the fencing between Penwortham Methodist Church on Leyland Road and the Penwortham Town Council allotment site. Penwortham Town Council would like LCC and the Environment Agency to ensure that:

- The allotment site is kept secure at all times during the building period.
- The finished wall is built in such a way as to ensure the security of the site on completion.
- One complete the Penwortham Allotment site is, at very least, returned to the standard it was prior to building, but preferably enhanced with further plots being made available.
- That the contractors, LCC and the Environment Agency work closely with the Penwortham Allotments & Gardens Association (PAGA), who manage the site for Penwortham Town Council, during the building period.

Penwortham Town Council also have major concerns that this new flood risk wall will protect the Penwortham Methodist Church and not the allotment site. There is a fear that the allotment site will now become more prone to flooding. As such the Town Council would ask that the Fish House Brook, which runs around the allotment site, is cleared and dredged, and a maintenance programme put in place to ensure the brook is cleared and dredged on a regular basis. This will not save the allotment site from flooding but will help the site recover more quickly.

The Town Council would like to see the play area adjacent to Margaret Road, Penwortham left with some open area to allow a “kick about” area to be retained. Whilst the planting of trees in that area is appreciated it is felt that the area should be left with some open space to allow for a free children’s play area.

The Town Council are aware of the surface water issues in the Middleforth area of town, and would like to see, LCC, the Environment Agency and the local borough council work together to help alleviate this issue for our residents at the lower end of Leyland Road in Penwortham. This area of Town is regularly prone to flooding and any works to aide the movement of flood waters away from this area would be most appreciated.

if you require any further information or confirmation please do not hesitate to contact me via the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

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