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MP WELCOMES FLOOD PREVENTION FOR WHITCHURCH BROOK

Julie Morgan, MP for Cardiff North, today welcomed the award of £451,000 for a flood defence project for Whitchurch Brook. Jane Davidson AM, the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, today announced £6.1 million in European funding for 8 Flood and Coastal Defence projects in total.

Julie Morgan, MP for Cardiff North, said:

"I welcome this. I know how awful the experience has been when Whitchurch Brook has flooded and many constituents have been to see me about this. It's great that we are going to have a flood prevention scheme.

"Residents of Whitchurch have been blighted by problems with flooding and despite improvements which were secured by former Councillor Sophie Howe a number of years ago, the spates of incredibly volatile weather that we have experienced over recent years has meant that homes in the College Road and Merthyr Road area have still been at risk.

"Only last year the flooding was so bad that a large proportion of the Village was practically impassable and so this new money for flood prevention work will be welcomed by residents of Whitchurch and will also have a positive impact on reducing the risk of flooding in other parts of the constituency where the blockage at Whitchurch has a knock-on effect".

Resident of Merthyr Road, Ceri Lovett said:

"The weather has been more extreme in recent years and we have seen an increase in problems with flooding from the brook. Last year, the whole road from the Common to the Village was closed and the water was almost at our doors. I think that residents here and across the road in College Road will be really pleased by this extra money to help solve the problem, as despite an increase in problems over the last years, so little action appears to have been taken by the Council."

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