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Dear Carolyn Thomas MS

I write further to your letter, dated 3 October 2025, requesting an update on the flood alleviation scheme in Skewen. I am able to share the following updates in regard to the proposed scheme.

A detailed design has been completed with only minor amendments to make which are being prioritised. Officers are proposing to submit the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) application to the Planning Authority next week. During the period of consultation, officers will release a media post to direct the community to the council website to have their say, as well as undertake a letter drop to residents who are likely to be affected by the works. Officers have also arranged an open afternoon/evening which is planned for 19 November at the memorial hall which will be advertised accordingly.

Once the PAC has been completed, officers will review the responses and amend elements of the works as necessary and respond to residents where appropriate. Officers carried out a similar exercise for Grandison Brook during the summer which went well and was welcomed by the community. Officers are hoping for a similar response in Skewen.

Currently, it is anticipated that a submission for full Planning will be made in February 2026 with a 12-week determination period. It is expected that drainage officers will receive a response from the Local Planning Authority by mid-May 2026.

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At present officers aim to go out to construction tender in September 2026, and award in December 2026. Meaning that works would be scheduled to start in January 2027. An Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) period of six months will precede the commencement of full construction in the summer 2027.

In parallel with the above. Drainage officers will be arranging Ordinary Water Course Consent, producing construction stage drawings ready for tender, developing construction contracts, compiling works and site info, and liaising with landowners to formalise access agreements.

It should be noted that if the returned tender figure is a positive one and the Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) is above zero, then officers will look to formally apply to the Welsh Government Flood Branch for grant funding. If it is not, then officers will have further discussions with Welsh Government about the scheme as significant financial backing is required for its successful delivery given the estimated construction cost of this scheme being £16 million. This scheme represents one of the most challenging projects the council has undertaken for many years and will require significant resources for effective management and planning, as well as careful mitigation of disruption within the area.

I do hope this update is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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