



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Cllr Deborah Taylor  
Acting Leader  
Leicestershire County Council

Sent via e-mail.

6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Cllr Taylor,

**Flooding in Great Glen**

I am writing regarding recent flooding events in Great Glen. I understand that the County Council has proposed to invest £1m more in helping communities in Leicestershire affected by flooding. This will allow the authority to undertake more investigations, designed to pinpoint the causes of flooding and identify any potential solutions, and to fund drainage repairs. I also understand that this will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025. I am sorry I am unable to attend due to some longstanding commitments.

This is a welcome commitment from the County Council that could help prevent destructive flooding events in the future, such as the one that occurred in Great Glen in early January. You will no doubt be aware of what happened in the village, especially as the story of the rescue of a stranded motorist made national headlines.

I understand that 50 homeowners and 4 business owners were affected during the flooding, some having to vacate their houses for several months. This is the second time the village has been severely flooded. Nobody wants this to happen a third time. With that in mind, I would like to request that the Cabinet ensure that the funding is made available to Great Glen as part of this investment for investigative work to pinpoint what has gone wrong. I also understand an additional half-a-million pounds is coming later this year to clear drains of flood debris and fix immediate damage. I would also like to request funding for Great Glen as several drains need clearing and repairs need to be made.

I hope that Cabinet looks favourably at the above requests.

Yours sincerely,

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