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cc: Mr Kwasi Kwarteng, MP
Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos, Surrey County Councillor
Cllr Robert Watts, Leader, Spelthorne Borough Council
Roberto Tambini, CEO, Spelthorne Borough Council
Peter Agent, SCC

Dear Susie,

Re: Flooding in Spelthorne

In view of the concerns raised by local residents at the Local Committee meeting on 17th March, with regard to the flooding in Leacroft and Greenlands Road, Staines-upon-Thames, Spelthorne in the week commencing Sunday 9th February 2014, the SCC Local Committee (Spelthorne) asks that an urgent priority is given by Surrey County Council in its role as Lead Flood Authority to the undertaking of the full investigation under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Act 2010 into the cause of the flooding.

Key to residents queries are understanding the operation of the sluice gate in the River Colne and its affect on the River Ash and the subsequent overflowing of that river.

I am also writing to Thames Water and the Environment Agency to ask that they engage and participate fully with the Section 19 investigations and that they provide all the information required to ensure a full and satisfactory explanation of the issue. I understand that the Environment Agency intend to publish a draft Fluvial Flood Event Report by the end April 2014.

I urge you in your role of Gold Command to ensure that Surrey County Council will press for all agencies' full co-operation and involvement and to prioritise this investigation ahead of others.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Walsh'.

Richard Walsh
Chairman
SCC Local Committee (Spelthorne)



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