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Dear Sir/Madam

**RIVER MEDWAY (FLOOD RELIEF) ACT 1976  
REVISED SCHEME FOR THE OPERATION OF SLUICE GATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SECTION 17 OF THE ACT**

**Development: Representation to DEFRA to increase the stored water level within the Leigh flood storage area during a flood event.**

On the 08 June 2020, the Council received notification from the Environment Agency on their intention to make a submission of an application to yourselves to amend the Leigh Flood Storage Area maximum stored water level and expressed that any representation we wish to make should be sent to you.

After reviewing the Environment Agency submission, we have the following representation to make.

It is understood that the Environment Agency are proposing to increase the maximum level to which water can be stored at Leigh flood storage area. At present they are only permitted to hold flood water at Leigh Flood Barrier up to 28.05m Above Ordnance Datum Newlyn (AODN) and are proposing to increase the flood water storage level to 28.6m AODN, this is 55cm higher to what is currently permitted.

Upon reviewing the Environment Agency submission providing the provision of a wave wall is implemented in full at Pauls Farm in Leigh prior to the increase of flood storage water level, we raise no objection to the revised scheme and recognise the significant benefits the increased flood storage levels will provide to the local area.

Yours sincerely



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