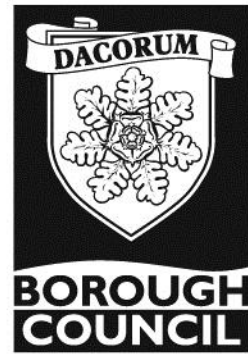


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Dear Resident

Highbarns/Meadow Road chalkmine treatment works

As you will be aware, Dacorum Borough council, in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency, has been co-ordinating the treatment of a chalk mine underneath properties in the area of Highbarns, Pond Road and East Green. During October 2013 a further collapse occurred in the garden at number 1 Meadow Road which extended under the adjacent pathway. This collapse is outside of the boundary of the Highbarns chalkmine works funded by the Homes and Communities Agency and the Department for Local Government.

Investigation works were undertaken to establish the cause of the collapse and its relationship, if any, to the Highbarns mine. These investigations are now complete. They showed that the collapse was related to the mine workings and appears to be confined to an area beneath the Highbarns/Meadow Road junction. It must be stressed that no testing was undertaken beneath the nearby properties in Highbarns or Meadow Road.

A treatment plan for the Highbarns/Meadow Road junction has been developed in partnership with the Highway Authority (Herts County Council) and funding has been made available by the County Council. The treatment works are expected to begin in the week beginning 23 June and will take approximately 10 weeks to complete. Once complete the temporary barriers will be removed and the road closure at Highbarns/Pond Road also removed.

The highway and paths along Chambersbury Lane, Highbarns, Pond Road and East Green that have been damaged by the chalkmine works will be resurfaced at a suitable point during and after the Meadow Road works. Further notification on the timing of these works will be sent to residents by Herts County Council in due course.



Any enquiries in respect of the road closure and road reinstatement matters should be addressed to Dan Perks, the Highways Operational Officer, on 01992 658137.

All of the treatment works within the original Derelict Land Clearance Order boundary around Highbarns, Pond Road and East Green have been completed and a certificate of completion by the technical consultants, Hyder, is expected by July 2014. A further certificate will be required for the Highbarns/Meadow Road works once they have been completed. Once both certificates have been received from Hyder all references to the mine will be removed from land searches and it will no longer be a consideration in planning applications.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number or by e-mail or Dan Perks on the number above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Flynn', written in a cursive style.

Shane Flynn
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