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Dear Resident

### **Coningsby Lane Drainage Scheme Update (April 2018)**

As you may be aware, local residents requested a scheme to resolve the occasional ponding near the junction of Coningsby Lane and Fifield Road. The ponding is caused by the ditches on the north and south side of Coningsby Lane not having an outfall. The suggested solution was to divert the water by laying a culvert under Coningsby Lane and along the public right of way alongside 'The Mulberrys' to link with the existing ditch network along the northern section of Fifield Road.

The detailed design was completed following the successful trial excavation in carriageway of Coningsby Lane – see attached plan. The scheme includes a culvert under the carriageway on Coningsby Lane, a buried pipe under the public right of way and links into and modifications to the existing drainage ditches. Whilst the scheme itself is relatively straightforward to progress it does rely on the necessary landowner consents being in place and confirmation that there are no ecological concerns.

Agreement in principle has been secured from one of the affected landowners, and we are working to obtain consent from the other main party.

Whilst most of the ecological survey was completed last summer, final seasonal checks will be carried out this month.

With the above caveats in place, a contractor has been appointed to commence works in May. Works are expected to last 4-6 weeks. The footpath will be temporarily closed for 5 weeks. Our contractor will co-ordinate with Cadent who will be carrying out gas works in Coningsby Lane in the second half of May to minimise disruption to residents.

I apologise that the scheme has taken longer than usual to progress because of the need to obtain landowner consents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely

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