

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## Buckskin Flood Alleviation Scheme

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### Description of current service/policy

In the winter of 2013/2014, Buckskin in Basingstoke experienced heavy flooding of properties and the public highway. The main causes of flooding were attributed to groundwater and surface water flooding exacerbated by fluvial flooding. This caused the local foul drainage system to be inundated and resulted in secondary foul water flooding. The proposal is to deliver a scheme that reduces the risk of flooding in the area.

Geographical impact: Basingstoke & Deane

### Description of proposed change

The proposed scheme will increase hydraulic capacity of the surface water and highways drainage to facilitate the flow through of floodwater from the Buckskin estate towards the River Loddon. This will be achieved by using laterals to gather rising ground water from between the houses on the Buckskin estate and connecting to a new gravity drainage pipe, which will be connected to the ditch network at West Ham roundabout. The ditches and culverts between West Ham, along Churchill Way West up to Saunders Field will be re-profiled and replaced as required to increase capacity to hold floodwater and allow for a steady flow through at a rate that will not cause problems downstream.

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

### Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

In its role as Lead Local Flood Authority, the County Council has been working closely with a multi agency group with representatives from several risk management authorities including Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, the Environment Agency, Thames Water, South East Water, Sovereign housing and SSE plc. The multi agency group together with elected members

from the county, borough and local parish councils, and the local flood action group as well as special interest groups have been consulted on the proposal. A questionnaire was also issued to local residents and businesses to improve understanding of how they might be impacted by the scheme.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Neutral		
<b>Disability:</b> Neutral		
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		

<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Neutral		
<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		

**Any other information**