

**Please see below the email that Cllr Boden has sent to CCC.**

The flooding in Northamptonshire in the last few days has been substantial. For the first time in 15 years, Northamptonshire Washes have overflowed. Significant volumes of water are being pushed down the Nene towards Whittlesey. The EA issued a flood alert yesterday and advised that they'll be issuing a flood warning today.

Our informal sources within the water management industry advise us that North Bank and the B1040 will be closed some time tomorrow, probably afternoon (for North Bank) and evening (for the B1040) although that is both unofficial and a best estimate.

The B1040 will remain closed at least into the weekend, possibly longer. Possibly because many motorists have not risked going via the B1040/North Bank this morning because the river levels are already clearly very high, there were exceptionally long stationary queues again quite early this morning at the King's Dyke Bridge going from Whittlesey towards Peterborough.

Given the imminence of the North Bank/B1040 closure, would you please contact Jones Bros to ensure that we go back to allowing the temporary traffic lights to be on green for several (five to seven?) minutes at a time in favour of morning rush hour traffic going towards Peterborough and afternoon/evening rush hour traffic going towards Whittlesey? If you could arrange for a highways officer to visit the site to monitor the peak hour flows of traffic when the B1040 closes it would be really helpful.

There are publicly available real time traffic indicators, such as google maps - is it possible that the traffic light operator on the bridge could use that or a similar system to see just how far the queueing traffic goes back from the bridge? And could our highways officers also use such data to check on the rush hour situation?

Any assistance you can give in alleviating the traffic chaos that we face later this week, and possibly into next week, would be gratefully received.