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Date: 20 December 2024
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Mr D. Standbridge
Via email

Dear Mr Standbridge,

Ralph Butcher Causeway

Thank you for your further correspondence of 18 December regarding the Ralph Butcher Causeway.

Repair work on the B1040 was carried out in November this year, following a period of design and planning, sheet piles were installed to reinforce the embankment. We are aware that this route is unfortunately prone to flooding, and the repair work undertaken will ensure this section is more resilient to flooding and less prone to subsidence in the future. We continue to monitor and respond to extreme weather events, such as flooding, and are in discussions with the Environment Agency and our internal flood and water colleagues to consider wider strategies to support this across Cambridgeshire.

The testing undertaken on the embankment of the Ralph Butcher Causeway follows a period of ongoing and extensive monitoring of the movement and cracking. The County Council continues to work closely with our contractors Jones Bros to ensure the cause of this is fully understood and appropriate design for the remedial work is in place to ensure the road can reopen fully. There are a number of solutions currently being considered and when we have further information on the cause of the issues following the recent investigations, we will provide an update on the situation and proposed solution.

In the meantime, we are continuing to review the traffic management in place and make appropriate adjustments as required, whilst ensuring that safe traffic management remains in place for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

We understand the frustration that has been caused by the situation. Please be assured that we are working closely with the relevant parties to progress this issue, and we will provide further updates as more detailed information is available.

This will be shared through the regular updates on the Cambridgeshire County Council website [Whittlesey traffic update | Cambridgeshire County Council](#).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Jordan', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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