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Dear Cllr Chegwyn,

Thank you for your joint letter of 17 April to the Secretary of State about availability of additional funding for the Alverstoke flood and coastal erosion risk (FCERM) scheme. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I am sorry to hear that Alverstoke experienced a significant flooding event during Storm Pierrick, and I would like to express my sympathies with all those who were impacted. I understand that flooding has a devastating impact, ranging from physical, financial and health, including mental health.

We are taking action where flood risks exist to ensure that communities are prepared so that they can respond and recover quickly if flooding does happen.

Flood Re is a joint Government and industry flood re-insurance scheme designed to help UK households at high risk of flooding to access affordable insurance. We have enabled Build Back Better so that under the Flood Re scheme, insurers can offer up to £10,000 to householders making a claim for the costs of flood resilient repairs. Further information about Flood Re can be found [here](#).

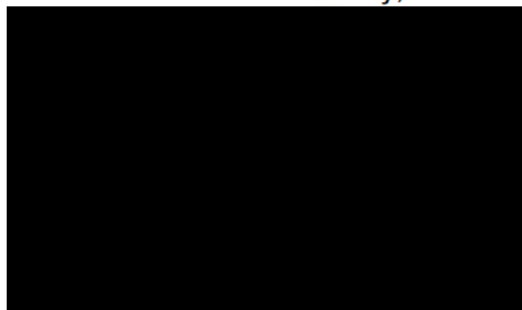
Thank you for sharing information on the Alverstoke FCERM scheme with me. The Government is investing £5.6 billion between 2021 and 2027 to better protect communities across England from flooding and coastal erosion. This investment includes a record £5.2 billion capital investment programme, a £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programme, £170 million for economic recovery from flooding, and over £30 million of funding for flood incident management.

In the £5.2 billion capital investment programme, funding is consistently distributed across the country where the risk is greatest, and the benefits are highest, with some schemes fully funded by Defra Grant-in-Aid and others requiring partnership funding from other sources to proceed. The partnership funding policy considers all benefits arising as a result of the investment, including the avoidance of damages to transport infrastructure.

Delivery is the Government's key priority, and we are working with the Environment Agency to review the programme in the light of the impacts of inflation and the pandemic. More information will be available in due course.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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