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Helen Whately MP
House of Commons
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Our ref: AP/SH

Your ref:

Date: 31 July 2016

Dear Helen

Thank you for your letter of 19 July 2016 to our Chief Executive regarding the funding of the flood defences at Front Brents.

Paul Leinster has now left the Environment Agency and Sir James Bevan is our Chief Executive. James has read your letter and asked me to respond on his behalf. He will also receive a copy of this response.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that we have been able to secure funding for the scheme from the Regional Flood and coastal risk committee, Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council. Planning permission for the scheme has recently been approved and we anticipate work to commence on site in September.

May I reassure you that we understand the disappointment of the residents who lost their repair and renew grant contribution, however we are pleased now to be able to confirm the progression of this scheme.

If you would like to discuss this matter further I would be more than happy to answer your questions. Please contact me on 01732 223210.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Hazelton".

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