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**Our ref** Fonthill Park flood scheme

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Dear Henbury, Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership

**Re: Fonthill Park**

I write to inform the Henbury, Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership of a scheme proposed in Fonthill Park, Southmead that the Partnership is likely to have in interest in. You may already be aware that Stanton Road is an area at risk of surface water flooding and has suffered from various flood incidents historically, most recently in November 2012. Since that event, we have successfully secured funding from the Environment Agency to reduce flood risk in this area, and following the approval of our project appraisal in 2015 we have now produced outline designs for the delivery of a scheme in the 2016/17 financial year.

The proposed scheme utilises Fonthill Park to store excess flood water when the capacity of the existing drainage system is exceeded in order to reduce the risk of this water flooding the road and properties. It also includes biodiversity and aesthetic improvements to the park by introducing wildflower meadow areas that will provide an attractive space to use during dry weather conditions.

We are working with the neighbourhood co-ordinator Keith Houghton to ensure that relevant groups have an opportunity to see the outline designs and influence the final design prior to implementing the scheme. However we also wanted to raise this with the Partnership because we are aware of the NP Plan which includes an action to explore the potential sale of Fonthill Park for development. There is an obvious conflict with these plans, however it is worth noting that Fonthill Park itself is an area that floods naturally and therefore is inappropriate for development unless significant, and prohibitively costly mitigation measures were put in place. Because of this, and the improvements to the park that our scheme will provide, we feel that using the park as we propose should be preferred over its sale for development.

We realise that this does require sharing of information on our scheme and why we think it's a legitimate mitigation which justifies it superceding the existing NP

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We are proposing the following communication activities:

- Attendance at the Southmead Neighbourhood Forum on 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Attendance at the BS10 Parks & Planning Group and any Southmead NP Plan review events relating to Parks/Open Spaces
- If requested, attendance at the NP meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Is there any comment or input which the NP would want to make? We are hoping to start the work on site in August 2016

Yours sincerely



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