

Countesthorpe Flood Risk Management Action List: Draft V1 Oct2025

For partner and public circulation. Updated following the meeting and agreement of the relevant agencies. Still subject to further review.

Introduction

This action list is being provided in advance of the publication of formal (section 19) flood investigations. It is subject to change. It includes specific pieces of work which are in addition to the usual duties of risk management authorities (RMAs). It does not include all actions taken during and in the immediate aftermath of the events, such as the closure of roads and the set-up of rest centres. Further details on RMAs and their roles, and how they work in partnership, can be found in the [Leicestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy](#). The following actions will be monitored at Leicestershire Flood Enquiries Partnership discussion meetings, as coordinated by the Lead Local Flood Authority.

Acronyms

- Risk Management Authority (RMA)
- Leicestershire County Council – Local Highway Authority (LCC LHA)
- Leicestershire County Council - Lead Local Flood Authority (LCC LLFA)
- Environment Agency (EA)
- Blaby District Council (BDC)
- Blaby District Council - Local Planning Authority (BDC LPA)
- Severn Trent Water (STW)

Short-term actions (0 - 6 months) [Henk baseline]

Action	Lead RMA	August 2025 update
EA / LLFA / BDC / Flood Warden / Parish Site visit	LLFA	Door Knocking completed by January 14 th 2024. Reviewed key locations, including Mennecy Close and Gwendoline Drive. Other site visits have also taken place, sometimes with a single RMA.
Immediate Humanitarian support and assistance	BDC	BDC Coordinated immediate assistance actions following Storm Henk and January 6 th . Actions conducted and completed by BDC include Additional welfare checks to vulnerable residents, creation of emergency rest centres in Whetstone and Braunstone, comprehensive mechanical road sweep of all affected roads, and bulky waste removal.
Henk Flood Recovery Framework support	BDC	BDC administered £500 residential grants, £2,500 business grants, council tax exemptions and business relief.
Drop-in sessions	LCC LLFA	Multi-agency drop-in sessions accessible to Countesthorpe have been coordinated by the LLFA and attended by RMAs in March 2024, October 2024, and March 2025. A bespoke Parish Meeting coordinated by a Local LCC Member was conducted on 11 th March 2025, RMA's and flooded residents were invited.
Highways' additional asset maintenance	LCC LHA & Structures	Additional cleansing followed Storm Henk and January 6 th . Cleansing frequency had been reviewed and confirmed to be the highest priority (every 10 months) at Mennecy Close, Station Road, Waterloo Crescent, Willoughby Road, and Cosby Road. Cleansed and CCTV surveys were undertaken on the known highway drainage assets within the flood locations. March 2024 LCC-owned structures were inspected and essential repair work undertaken following the flood events, with ongoing monitoring for 12 months following each event.

Medium-term actions (6 - 12 months)

Action	Lead RMA	July 2025 update
Support of flood wardens	LLR Prepared	Flood warden engagement and training sessions are offered to volunteers, along with support for Community Response Plans offered to Parish Councils.
Detailed inspection of the sewer network	STW	STW completed initial inspection and cleansing of the combined sewers network across affected areas following Storm Henk and January 6 th . Following January 6 th .
Consideration of a new flood warning service for Countesthorpe.	EA	The Environment Agency confirm that they cannot provide direct flood warnings for Countesthorpe as the flooding here is surface water and there is no eligible flow gauge within the vicinity.

Long-term actions (12 months +)

Action	Lead RMA	July 2025 update
Henk Property Flood Resilience Repair Grants	LCC LLFA	Two grants were awarded from a possible eleven eligible properties. Formal communication was sent to properties formally reporting their flooding on two occasions. With the scheme promoted at both Drop-in Sessions and the Parish meeting.
Review of LCC LLFA comments to the Blaby Local Plan.	LCC LLFA BDC LPA	LLFA has contacted BDC to request further time to review the newest version of the draft Local Plan, as more details on housing allocations have been put forward, including new parcels south of Mennecy Close.
Henk PFR Survey Grant Offer	BDC	Following January 6 th , BDC made funds available for properties to undertake PFR surveys by a qualified RICS surveyor. This was offered to all properties that flooded within Blaby District.
Mennecy Close Riparian Culvert Investigation	LCC LLFA, LHA and STW	LHA completed the inspection of chambers and sections within highway control on 13 th August 2025. Including dye testing to confirm connectivity and cleansing of sections within the vicinity of Mennecy Close. No issues on visible sections and no evidence of silting/damage to structure. LLFA issued Riparian letters on 3 rd July 2025 to homeowners of the open sections of the watercourse to remind them of their duties to keep it maintained and clear, ready for winter. Culvert added to the critical culvert list for potential.
Exploring opportunities for Natural Flood Management	LCC LLFA	PFR has already been determined to be a cost-effective option. LLFA have discussed options with interested members of the community and with landowners. Further scoping and partnership working on long-term schemes with RMAs and stakeholders are planned for 2026 onwards.
Sewer network	STW	Severn Trent has extended the scope of the local planned cleansing programme to include additional areas. Further engagement has also been ongoing with local commercial properties to raise awareness of fats, oils and greases (FOG) and how they can impact the network.
Highway Network	LCC LHA	Ongoing investigation into severely flooded areas of the critical road network, including Winchester Road, Willoughby Road and Leicester Road to identify any feasible improvements. It is not possible to protect high-risk roads from flooding.
Section 19	LCC LLFA	In progress. Estimated publication dates available here