

THE sense of relief and muted joy hanging over the Lowther

'DO WE WANT MORE OF THIS?'

RESIDENTS have made a last-minute intervention in a bid to try and safeguard their houses from flooding, following the decision by the council to compensate for a flood insurance premium increase.

Residents of the South Lakes area, who are members of the South Lakes Flood Defence Authority, which was set up by the council, said they were due to meet the council on Tuesday.

Residents from the Lower Park area, which is one of the worst off, said they would benefit from the flood insurance premium increase because their houses remain unaffected by flooding.

They said that district councillors, who there is a strong feeling that they are not representing the district properly, should be asked to consider the flooding problems that have plagued their constituents.

SLDAs cabinet agreed to hold stock

a decision on whether to proceed further with a proposal to arrange a flood insurance premium increase.

Colin Hodgson expressed his colleagues' doubts to the council on Tuesday, and considered the report would not "do fair" to the residents of the area.

Members had been due to hear the risks associated with the increase, which was significant, but the council should not open proceed unless they were satisfied that the council could make a financial contribution.

Officers had recommended that the

by Andrew Daniels

Members noted and welcomed the efforts of Westmead and Loundale

MP Tim Farron, who plans to hold a meeting with the key people involved.

● Speaking in *The Westminster Gazette* after this meeting, the chairman of the Stock Exchange Action Group, David Bowen, said the report contained information about alleged "maladministration" and the council's handling of the matter.

He also welcomed the efforts of Mr Farron to get everybody around the table, and said the group was "hopeful" the report would lead to positive action.

£3m flood work gets under way

by Michaela Robinson-Tate

The scheme was first proposed after the now notorious floods of January 1990, when houses in parts of Silverdale Drive, Lowther Park, a small number in Calder Drive, and other areas, were flooded.

A major part of the project is the construction of a flood storage reservoir in the field north of Sedbergh Road, next to the allotments, which will hold excess water during times of heavy rain.

For the majority of the time the field will just have a watercourse running through it. However, during a flood, the reservoir will temporarily fill with water.

Even at times of extremely heavy flooding, the water would be dispersed in a week.

Once complete, the maintenance operation of the reservoir or dam, with its sluices and hydro brake, will pass to the Environment Agency.

The dam will be constructed over the next two-and-a-half months, and the field area will be

Other work will be to increase capacity in the system that will feed the reservoir, and improve water collection and will include: ... to be constructed

- A new pipe will be installed at Castle Green Road.
- A small diameter pipe from Sedberg Drive, which travels under Sedberg eventually to the flood storage reservoir, will be replaced with a tunnel.
- Two pipes through Whitman



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LEFT: Work lengthens an 800-ft-long section of the highway. **RIGHT:** A road sign indicates how the flood

LEFT: Artist's impression of the reservoir will work.
Top - As it will appear under normal circumstances.
Centre - During a storm likely to occur once a year.
Bottom - During a severe storm the reservoir will run temporarily.



The protection for residents should kick in soon as the reservoir is finished.

Mr. Richardson said the area below the reservoir, including Calder Drive and A Street, would also receive extra protection. A speed brake would control the flow of traffic.



Bowling Drive and Castle Park School will be improved.

The dam is due to be finished at the end of the year. The planned completion date for

September, and the most of the scheme is October 30.



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Please send your comments/objections to SLDC's Development Plans Officer at SLDC before 7th SEPTEMBER.

The Stock Beck Action Group



We cannot lose the benefit of the Stockbeck Scheme that so many people have worked so hard to achieve by allowing planners to simply overwhelm the scheme and put us all at risk again.

Any new development above Oaktree Road (R121, R141 & R56) Whitbarrow Close (R124) or north Sandylands will all drain into Stockbeck at some point and need taking out of the plan.

The flood lagoon has already been overwhelmed on three occasions and this shows it does not have the capacity to take anymore drainage as it is already at the maximum capacity of what it was designed to do. This will put the Calder Drive area at risk.

Jenkin Crag has been built with its own attenuation tanks to protect the property but drains and joins Stockbeck at Sandylands Post Office.

We as a committee cannot take anymore worthwhile action as we have already written earlier and got fields R124 taken out of local development plan but they have now been put back in by the owners. It is therefore **IMPORTANT** that **YOU** write to **SLDC** to voice your concerns or objections to the proposed additional developments affecting the Stockbeck scheme both in terms of the capacity of the flood lagoon and drainage into Stockbeck below the lagoon.

Since completion of the scheme additional drainage has been added i.e. The Old Sedbergh Road, although this MAY have been taken into account in the design but still leads to flooding at the Rusland Park Junction.

We don't want to become involved in Planning issues but the additional developments shown on the local Development Framework are going to have an effect on us all if the Stockbeck Scheme is overwhelmed.



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SLDC Local Development Framework For Castle Ward, Kendal

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Park Side Rd

Main Line Railway

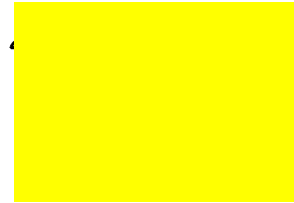
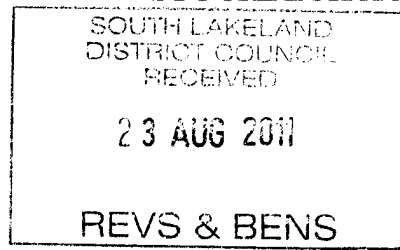
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Red outlined areas can only drain into the stockbeck scheme - there is nowhere else

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STOCKBECK ACTION GROUP



21st August 2011

Dear Sirs

Unfortunately we as a group are having to write to you once again about the Local Development Framework Plans.

We do not wish to become involved in planning issues as our concerns are nothing to do with the need to make land available for houses as this is needed but only in the right places. Areas where flooding could be a problem are not sensible places to be considered. Areas are R124/ R121 /R141/ R56/ R677/ R676 and R616 do not fit into a safe place to build houses and where is R100 and R17 going to drain is this going to be into Stockbeck?

Together lets not make the same mistakes as planners did in the past as this cost over £3m and 25 years to rectify.

Two final points :-

The holding reservoir (flood lagoon) if this overflows Calder Drive and all houses below as far as Ann Street will bear the brunt of the floods. Also Lowther Park area will again be at risk.

Please find a leaflet we have sent out to local residents asking for their support and alerting them to these dangers.

Yours faithfully



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