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New Government funding for flood defence schemes as part of Green Recovery package

Dear Robert

Last week the Prime Minister announced plans to create thousands of new jobs to kick-start the nation's green recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Today Defra published its Floods Policy Statement that sets out five long-term commitments to better prepare and protect the nation from flooding.

I can now confirm that as part of the Prime Ministers announcement and alongside the Policy Statement Government will also spend up to £170m to bring forward work on flood defence schemes which will drive economic growth and better protect thousands of homes, businesses and jobs from the devastating effects of flooding.

With the additional recovery funding to protect jobs and businesses, work will start on 22 new flood defence projects in 2020 or 2021, in addition to those schemes which were already planned to commence in the final year of the current six-year programme to better protect 300,000 homes.

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to confirm that the Lowdham (Cocker Beck) Flood Alleviation Scheme and Ecosystems Services Project has been awarded £5 million to contribute to this ambitious plan, by better protecting 100 jobs and 20 businesses.

This additional Government funding is available contingent on scheme construction commencing before the end of the 21/22 financial year.

I very much look forward to seeing this scheme being delivered.

Kind regards,

REBECCA POW MP

