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Dear Resident

Re: Ongoing works Glen Road , Laxey.

I write to update you of the works that are ongoing on Glen Road.

The Department of Infrastructure has engaged a contractor to replace the riverside Marx stone wall between the Laxey woollen mills and Acacia Cottage. This wall's purpose is twofold, to retain the road and to define the river bank at this point. The entire wall is being removed. This wall of traditional stone construction had little or no foundation and was considered to be vulnerable to any adverse weather events in the future. It is being replaced by a wall of steel reinforced concrete with substantial footings. The existing wall is approximately 1.4 metres tall. The new wall will be approximately 1.6 metres tall and will be faced with Marx stone. The new wall will be far stronger and is designed to withstand significantly higher loads when the Laxey river is in flood, whilst remaining sympathetic to its surroundings.

The works are being completed within a "Flood Cell", a system of barriers and tonne bags of sand, designed to maintain the integrity of Glen Road and prevent further water ingress should there be further occasions of significant rainfall and increase in river levels.

To enable the construction of the footings for the wall, a significant portion of the roadway has to be excavated, meaning that the road is not accessible at this point. As the work progresses the road will be reconstructed and the surface reinstated. The barriered area will be moved and reduced in size as the work progresses.

It is estimated that the work to demolish the existing wall and build and reinstate the Glen road will take up to 16 weeks. The exact time for the programme to be completed will, to some extent be weather dependent. The Department is extending the road closure of Glen Road until 7th February 2020. The effect of this is to prevent through traffic. Vehicular access to properties from either one end of the road, or the other will be maintained throughout the works. Signage indicating that all businesses on Glen Road are operating as usual have been placed at approaches to Glen Road, and the Department is working to support Garff Commissioners' message that businesses on Glen road are all still operating as normal. Access to the drives of private properties directly opposite the works on the

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river wall may be restricted for a portion of the construction period. Our contractors will do their best to minimise disruption to individual householders and assist where they can.

In order to complete these works the street lights in the vicinity of the wall will have to be removed. It is understood the local authority will be taking the opportunity to install new lighting columns.

Other work the Department is undertaking on Glen Road includes repairing damaged culverts near the Football ground and the former police station. This will require further excavations of the roadway. The opportunity will be taken while repairing the culverts to upgrade them so they have greater capacity.

Other works by the Department, the Marx Utilities Authority and Garff Commissioners are ongoing along the river bank, elsewhere in the village and in the hills above. These works are designed to optimise the capacity of the river and drainage system within the greater Laxey area, and have a positive impact on the future integrity of the Glen Road area.

The Department's work undertaken in the village by both contractors and our own staff is being closely supervised by a dedicated engineer from Highways Services, who will be based at a temporary site office on Glen Road while the works are taking place.

The Isle of Man Government has recently appointed Richard Kennish as the Flood Liaison Officer for Glen Road residents. Richard's role will be to facilitate communication between residents and the various agencies dealing with the aftermath of the flooding in Laxey on 1st October. It is Richard's intention to be in contact with individual residents of Glen Road in the next few days. He will be working at various times during the daytime, evenings and weekends to help to resolve any issue of concern and be a ready point of contact.

Richard's mobile number is 332778, If you would like to get in touch please text him in the first instance and leave contact details for a return call.

Yours faithfully



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Highways Services.