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Dear Resident

Highbarns/Meadow Road chalkmine treatment works

As you will be aware, Dacorum Borough Council has been co-ordinating the treatment of a chalk mine underneath properties in the area of Highbarns, Pond Road and East Green in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency.

In June last year you should have received a newsletter from the Council explaining that there had been a further collapse in October in the garden of 1 Meadow Road which extended under the adjacent pathway at the junction of Highbarns/Meadow Road.

A treatment plan for the Highbarns/Meadow Road junction was developed in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council (as the Highway Authority) and funding was made available by the County Council. The treatment works were finished on 21 November.

The completion of the Meadow Road works and the vacation of the site by the contractor BAM Ritchies marks the end of all the treatment works in the area. The temporary barriers and the road closure at Highbarns/Pond Road have been removed and the pavements and carriageways have been re-surfaced.

Following the completion of the treatment works a Factual Geotechnical Report has been prepared by BAM Ritchies and submitted to the Council's project consultant, Hyder Consulting on 10 April. This report shows all the pre and post treatment dynamic probes and grout holes and all the drilling and grouting which was carried out by BAM. It also contains all the underground survey data which was collected.



The Factual Geotechnical Report is required by Hyder to enable them to issue their validation report covering the chalk mine remediation works. We have been advised by Hyder that the preparation of the validation report would normally take three months to four months from the date they receive the Geotechnical Report. We have therefore been advised by Hyder that we can expect to receive the validation report by August.

The purpose of the validation report is to confirm that the grouting has met expectations and that Hyder can advise that the mine has been treated and that any mine related issues are unlikely to occur. Once the Council have received the validation report the current special requirement for a ground conditions survey to be submitted with planning applications on properties in the area will be lifted.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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