**Thames Water Action Group Minutes 19.08.2021**

**Time:** 10:00 19.08.2021

**Location:** Farnham Common Village Hall

**In attendance:** Joy Morrissey MP, Thomas Broom, Cllr Dev Dhillon, Cllr David Anthony, Cllr Jilly Jordan, Parish Cllr Judy Tipping, Parish Cllr Marlyn Rolfe, Thames Water, Ingleglen residents, Beeches Drive residents, The Avenue residents, Burnham Beeches (City of London Corporation)

**1. Residents presentation -** raised key issues affecting Farnham Common:

1. Raw sewage flooding internally and externally
2. Inability of main A355 sewer to deal with capacity of the area
3. Inadequate drainage of rainwater causing A355 to flood
4. Revision of Thames Water’s resolution dates without consultation
5. Inadequacy of short term fixes previously provided by Thames Water

**2. Action items -** for Joy Morrissey MP:

1. Joy Morrissey MP will set up the Thames Water Action Group to meet every 6 weeks until Thames Water’s tactical solution has been deployed and the strategic timeline and funding has been fully agreed and signed off.
2. Joy Morrissey MP will call a debate in Parliament to raise the profile of the case, with emphasis on health and safety issues.
3. Joy Morrissey MP will try to obtain funding for the project from sources including the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
4. Joy Morrissey MP will support the pausing of all Farnham Common planning applications until Thames Water resolves the issue.

**3. Action items** - for Thames Water:

1. Thames Water will take immediate steps to resolve the current emergency situations.
2. Thames water will find a long-term solution for Farnham Common as a whole.
3. An external party, Atkins, has been engaged by Thames Water to provide another approach to resolving the technical issues.
4. Thames water will provide a team of individuals with appropriate experience to provide a status update every 6 weeks until the tactical and strategic solutions have either been deployed or signed off.
5. Thames Water will provide a document advising that any further development in the area will place further strain on the sewerage, causing more problems.