

## Alde and Ore Community Partnership

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Dear AOCP members,

We have been informed that the OBC (Official Business Case seeking government funds and flood related approvals) for Stage 1 of the project which the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board has been preparing has been submitted. The updated version has been significantly amended to take opportunities for additional potential funding. This was a substantial task as we heard in recent AOCP meetings. We now await the results of the consideration by the Environment Agency nationally.

You will also want to know that the final version of the letter to the EA about which we consulted you in April and May has now been forwarded to the EA Area Director and copied to Therese Coffey MP, the Chief Executive of the EA and the Executive Director responsible for Localities.

During the time while the OBC has been completed and the letter pressing for progress was considered by us all, the Comms 'Poster Team' have been working on an extensive and comprehensive set of posters to be used to explain to all in our communities what the Estuary project is about, why it is needed and how it will be carried out and funded. We plan to circulate these drafts to you shortly for your comments prior to the final boards being professionally completed. This work will help ensure readiness for when we are in a position to hold community wide meetings.

The intention is to call a meeting of the AOCP at the next significant development which will be either approval or otherwise of the OBC, a response to our letter asking for a meeting with the EA or in the worst case a significant flood event. For the time being we are setting a provisional date for Thursday 29 September 2022 but of course, a meeting would be called before then if circumstances required it.

Best regards

**Tim Beach**

Chairman AOCP

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