

## **Appendix D - Radlett Road Drainage Scheme - meeting Fri 23 Sep 2011**

Meeting : Friday 23rd September 2011 - 11 am

Location: Mayors Office, Town Hall Watford

Present –

Dorothy Thornhill, Mayor of Watford

Cllr Stuart pile, Exec member for HCC Environment

Cllr Audrey Oaten, Local County Member

Huw Thomas, Thames Eater Local Govt. Liaison Officer

Andy Hardstaff, HCC Flood and Water Management Officer

Andy Melville, HCC Area Office Lead Asst District Manager

Invited but not attending

Cllr Stephen G Giles-Medhurst, Chair of Watford JMP

Key Issues discussed.

The meeting was held as a result of the resolution passed at a meeting of Watford JMP on 12 July 2011 that the Mayor should be informed about the continuing problems caused to residents of Radlett Road and Eastfield Avenue and other areas in the locality because sewers are not large enough to cope with rainwater during storm events.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Huw Thomas, the Thames Water representative to discuss strategy and policy for ensuring that the TW scheme which had been postponed in 2008, and again in 2010, would not be subject to further delays.

Huw Thomas explained that since the scheme had originally been proposed the funding criteria had changed, and this scheme was unlikely to be given any priority on a standalone basis. However Thames Water were looking again at several similar small schemes in the Thames Water area which had been postponed to see whether it would be possible to amalgamate them for funding purposes.

In order to ensure that Thames Water had the maximum information as to the severity of the problem it was agreed that Cllr Oaten and Andy Melville obtain as much firm data as possible from residents on date and frequency of incidents. In the meantime, Huw Thomas agreed to arrange for a local Thames Water engineer to arrange a meeting with Andy Melville and other local engineers to make a thorough investigation of the total area involved including that which was the responsibility of the Environment Agency and seek a way forward in November.