

Much Marcle Flood relief request for funding



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Much Marcle Flood Relief – Stage 1 Application

Overview

Much Marcle Cross Roads is increasingly affected by frequent flooding, impacting local transport, homes, and businesses—particularly along the Dymock Road and the main road toward the Walwyn Arms.



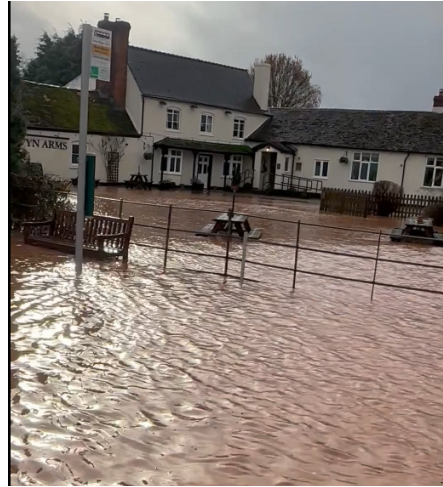
Dymock road to Marcle cross roads



Main road towards Walwyn arms as water rising



Walwyn arms Much Marcle Cross roads

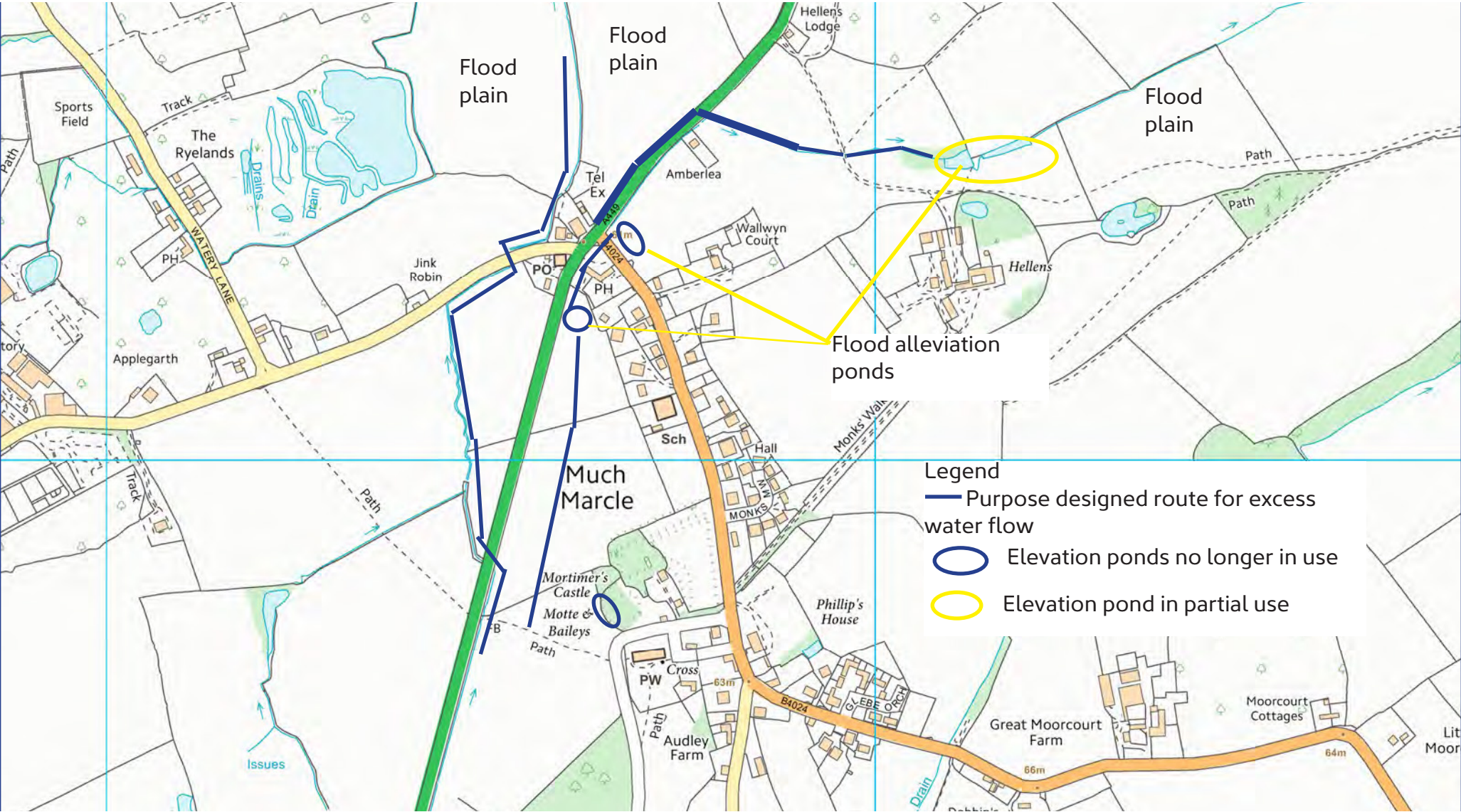


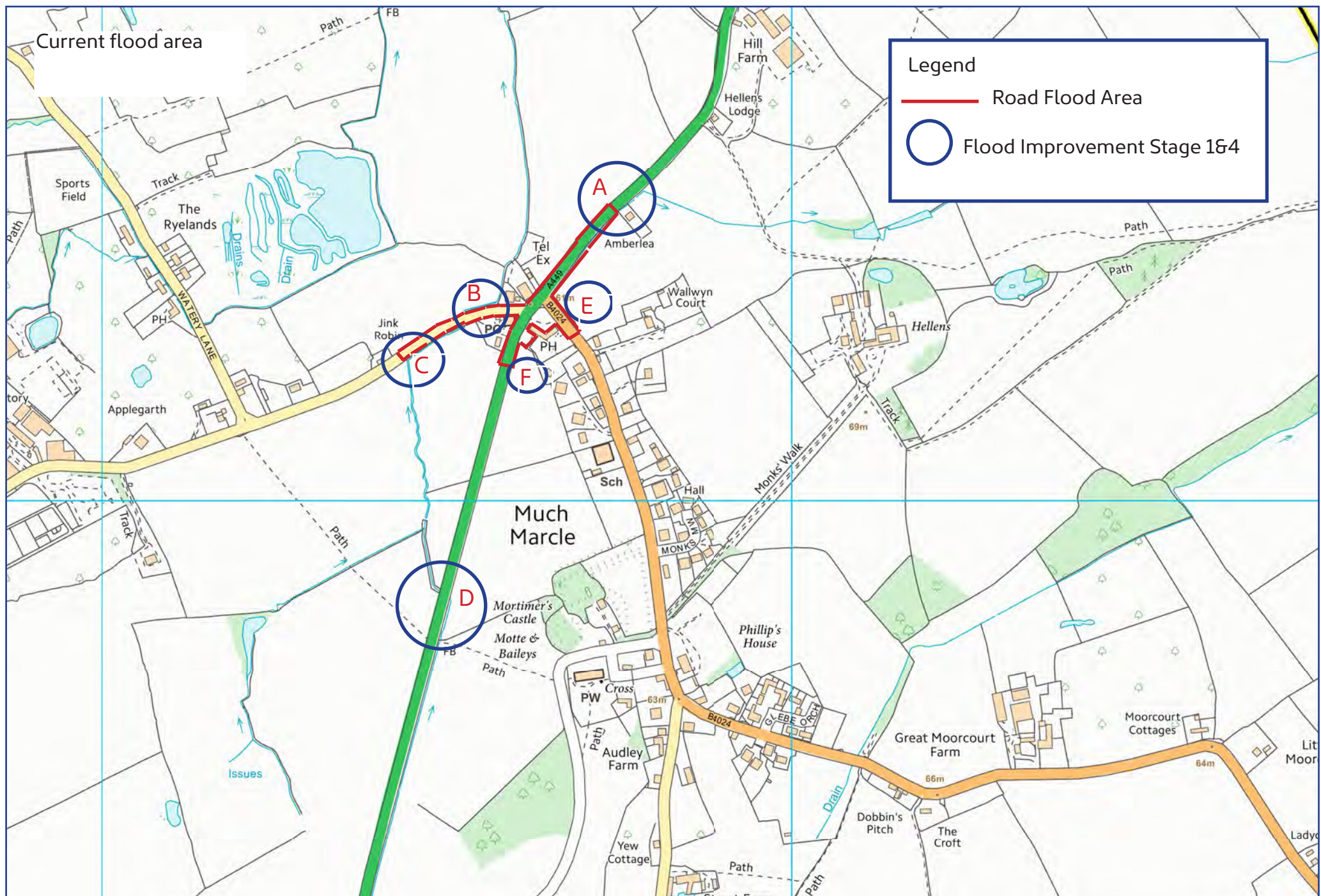
Dymock road



Historical Context

Flooding in this area dates back to the 18th-19th centuries. While a flood management plan was introduced historically, lack of maintenance has led to the recurrence of severe flooding at the crossroads.





Stage 1: Culvert Upgrade at Amberlea House

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Current Situation:

- Existing culvert includes 2 x 12" pipes and 1 x 24" pipe, creating a bottleneck that acts as a dam.
- Current estimated capacity: 5,000 m³/hour (5,000,000 litres/hour).

Proposed Upgrade:

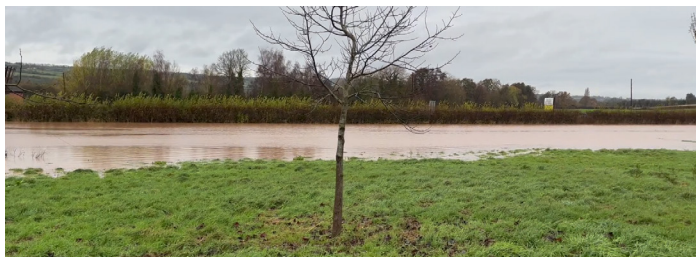
- Replace culvert to match adjacent ditch capacity.
- Estimated new capacity: 34,000 m³/hour (34,000,000 litres/hour).
- 612% increase in water flow capacity.

Impact:

Replacing this culvert could significantly reduce flooding at the crossroads and surrounding properties.



View from other side of road hedge



Culvert
across ditch
blocking flow



Ditch after culvert
empty



Culvert Bridge at Amberlea Much Marcle



24" Tube



12" Tube

Stage 2: Ditch Clearance – Crossroads to Westons (Sections B & C)

Clear ditch on both sides of the road from Much Marcle Cross Roads toward Jink Robin and Westons. This will accelerate drainage into the Rye Meadows floodplain

Jink Robin to cross roads



Jink Robin



Stage 3: Churchside Ditch Clearance (Section D)

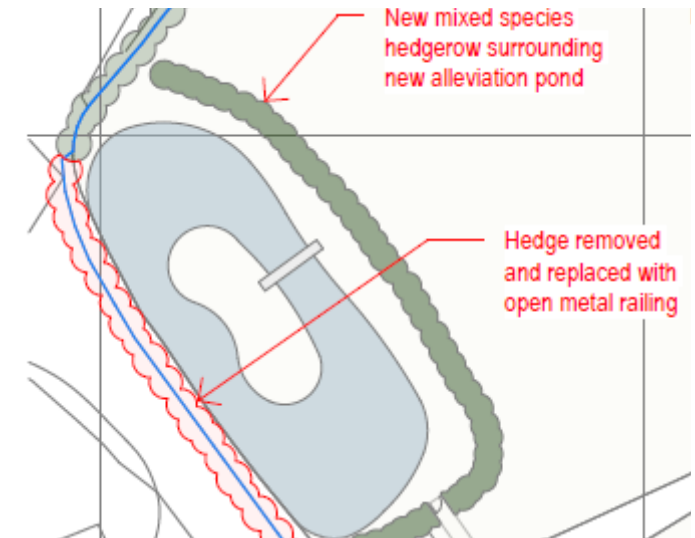
Clear the ditch running from the church side of the main road to the stream opposite.
Improves water flow to the western floodplain, easing pressure on the crossroads..



Stage 4: Flood Pond Reinstatement (Sections E & F)

Reinstate pond E

- Pond E (Walwyn Court): Reinstatement with a weir to control overflow to the ditch leading to Amberlea.
- Pond F: Desilting and restoration to increase capacity.
- Both ponds featured in historical drainage maps (e.g., 1953).



Clean Pond F



From 1953 Map



Estimated Costs

Work Area	Description	Estimated Cost
A. Culvert Replacement	Includes ditch cleaning to culvert	£25,00–£30,000
	Ditch cleaning roadside	£1,000
B & C. Ditch Clearance	One day with large digger	£1,000
D. Ditch Clearance	One day with large digger	£1,000
E & F. Pond Works	One week, digger and dumper hire	£5,000

Community Involvement

The Much Marcle Parish Council’s Flood Working Group includes local farmers and residents with equipment who may be able to support works, pending some financial assistance from Herefordshire Council.



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