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**UPDATE** 

22 December 2022

Dear AOCP members,

As you ae aware we cancelled the scheduled meeting on the 8th December 2021 primarily because there was no further information or update following the submission of the Outline Business Case (OBC) to the Environment Agency (EA) relating to stage one of the project. This has now been assessed and supported locally by the EA and the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and is currently with the national large project board of the EA for assessment and approval. As ever we are hopeful that it will be approved as soon as possible and that any required mitigation work by the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (IDB) can begin.

Similarly there has been no further public information on the investigation relating to what has been referred to as the "Iken Clay". Neither have we received any further update of the occasional newsletter which has in the past provided some, if limited, information. You should be aware as per our last meeting in September that it was formally agreed with the EA that the OBC and investigation would be de-coupled so the investigation should not now be an impediment to the OBC.

We did intend to raise a separate agenda item at the December meeting relating to the creation of some form of Code of Conduct for the use and enjoyment of the river as issues have been raised with the AOCP (and Alde and Ore Association) a few times now about the impact of particular activities on the river in terms of impact on flora and fauna. We had intended to raise the issue and test the views of members, affiliated organisations and partners. We would be interested in knowing if anyone would be prepared to lead on the issue if there was an appetite amongst us to at least do some preliminary work and assessment?

Hopefully we will have more information available to us for our rescheduled meeting on 26th January 2023.

Meanwhile we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

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