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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your question raised with the Minister for Rural Affairs in the Senedd on 8 November regarding the recent flooding in Mold.

I am sorry to hear of the flooding which has impacted the local community. To be flooded seven times in as many years must be a devastating experience to go through, and they have my utmost sympathy.

As part of our £75 million commitment to ongoing and sustained investment in flood and coastal risk management we are providing £34 million in capital funding to our Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) this year.

It is for Risk Management Authorities to submit their business case proposals for approval using the Welsh Government's Flood Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) business case guidance. This guidance aligns with the Welsh Government's Better Business Cases approach to spending proposals and business decisions in establishing a clear need for intervention, objectives and considering a wide range of potential solutions.

FCERM business cases are complex technical documents which evaluate the benefit, cost and risk of alternative options and provides a rationale for the preferred solution. In reviewing submitted business cases my officials require the assurance from RMAs that spending proposals are technically feasible and economically viable. This ensures that funding is prioritised to the most at-risk communities in Wales.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

My officials are in regular contact with flood risk officers at Flintshire County Council to provide advice and guidance on submissions for Welsh Government funding and will consider any business cases put forward by local authority to the FCERM programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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