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Temporary Closures of Public Footpaths at various points along the River Severn in the parishes of Ashleworth, Epney & Longney, Moreton Valence, Westbury on Severn and City of Gloucester

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to advise you that the County Council has received an application made on behalf of the Environment Agency for the temporary closures of the sections of public footpaths in the parishes listed above and shown on the enclosed plans.

The reason for the closures is to allow for works to be carried out to repair sections of flood bank damaged during the high tides/floods of last winter. This will involve construction works and movement of plant in the area.

The footpath closures are scheduled to start on the 28th July 2014 but individual path closures will only be operational when works are actually taking place at specific sites. Notices indicating when sections of path are closed will be displayed clearly on site. Although the Closure Order lasts for 6 months, the works need to be completed before the autumn high tides, so it is anticipated that the works will be finished within 6 months. The footpaths will be re-opened as soon as works are complete. There are no designated alternative routes (except for in Ashleworth parish) so walkers will need to use local roads and/or alternative footpaths to by-pass closed sections of path.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about this matter.

Yours faithfully

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