

**Lead Local Flood Authority**  
**Section 19 (Flood and Water Management Act**  
**2010)**  
**Flood Investigation Report**

Report Title: Little St Marys, Long Melford, Suffolk

Report Reference(s): FW2020-1067

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**1.0** Suffolk County Council as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has determined that in accordance with criteria, it considered it necessary or appropriate to carry out an investigation into this flood event in accordance with Section 19 (1) of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, and in accordance with Section 19 (2) of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, to publish the results and notify the relevant risk management authorities (RMAs).

**2.0 Reference/s:** FW2020-1067

**2.1 Location:** Little St Marys, Long Melford, Suffolk

**2.2 Flood Event Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**2.3 Reported to SCC Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**2.4 Investigation Commencement Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**2.5 Criteria for investigation:**

<b>Criteria for an investigation (as per Appendix D of the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy):</b>	<b>✓/X</b>
There was a risk to life as a result of flooding?	X
Internal flooding of one property (domestic or business) has been experienced on more than one occasion?	✓
Internal flooding of five properties has been experienced during one single flood incident	X
Where a major transport route was closed for more than 10 hours as a result of flooding	X
Critical infrastructure was affected by flooding	X
There is ambiguity surrounding the source or responsibility of a flood incident	X



**2.6 OS Grid Reference:** TL 86259 45236

**2.7 Extent of flooding:** One property flooded internally on multiple occasions resulting in damage to property and its contents.

**2.8 Effect of flooding:** Internal flooding

**2.9 History:** Previously flooded during significant rainfall events

**2.10 Flooding Source:** Surface water

**2.11 Likely causes:**

- Significant rainfall
- Blocked surface water drain

**2.12 Additional Information:**

- Property age (pre 1880),
- Grade II listed building

**3.0 Risk Management Authority with Relevant Flood Risk Function**

- Suffolk County Council, Highway Authority

**3.1 Functions:**

- Suffolk County Council (Public highway maintenance and asset owner)

**4.0 Recommendations:**

#### 4.1 Recommended Actions:

Action	Responsible Authority	Timescale for response	Latest Progress Update for Actions
Carry out CCTV inspection of surface water drainage system directly outside of address, if any issues identified advise owner to resolve issue	Suffolk County Council, Highway Authority	3 months	
Review the inspection and maintenance schedule of all surface water drainage assets Suffolk County Council, Highway Authority along St Marys, Long Melford	Suffolk County Council, Highway Authority	6 months	