

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL**To:** Grounds & Environment Committee**Date:** 30th July 2026**Contacts for this report:** Deputy Clerk**Subject:** Agenda Item 9.1 – Orchard Lane flooding

Background:

During heavy rain, water accumulates against the speed bumps along Orchard Lane and causes flooding making the lane impassable in places. The water is slow to dissipate due to lack of drainage channels.

Members are asked to consider the following two quotes:

Quote A: To cut out drain channels on speed bumps - £600 ex VAT

The contractor proposed to cut away excess concrete show below:



Also to cut back some of the hedge to help water drain away.

Quote B: To address the flooding issue by all 7 speed humps along Orchard Lane. We shall dig a channel through the higher hedge line adjacent to the lane, to allow for water to flow off the tarmac lane and into the park or drainage ditches on the other side of the hedge.

All soil will be removed to allow a good 200mm wide channel, through the hedgerow and approximately 100mm lower than the level of the lane.

I must point out that in some areas there may be a piece of hedging which needs to be removed to get a channel through, I'm sure the remaining hedging on either side will grow in, however, to begin with there may be holes in the hedge. We shall try to minimize this as much as possible.

We will also need to know if there are any services running beside the lane, under the hedgerow. The Total Cost: £1640.00 plus vat (£1968.00 inclusive).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION: Members are asked to consider each quote and the work outlined. To keep the cost down quote A is recommended as this should alleviate the main issues.