Dear Resident,

We are writing to let you know about a potential environmental improvement project being developed within **Leap Valley**.

The **Resilient Frome partnership (South Gloucestershire Council, Bristol City Council, Environment Agency and Wessex water) is funding opportunities** to improve the valley's wetland and river environment. Working with Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART), the Friends of Leap Valley and other local stakeholders, we are exploring ways to enhance the natural environment while helping the valley become more resilient to future flooding and climate challenges.

The emerging proposals aim to deliver a range of benefits, including:

- Increased flood storage capacity, helping to slow and manage water during periods of heavy rainfall and locally manage flood risk
- Creation and enhancement of wetland habitats for wildlife including birds, amphibians, insects and other species.
- Improved biodiversity and ecological resilience throughout the valley.
- Opportunities for environmental education, community involvement and volunteering.
- Long-term improvements to the health and sustainability of the river corridor.

The project is currently progressing through the development stage, and it has been highlighted there may be some temporary impacts during the construction phase. These could include:

- Increased contractor and construction vehicle movements.
- Temporary footpath diversions or restricted access to some areas of the valley.
- Short-term noise associated with construction activities.
- Temporary changes to the appearance of some areas whilst works are undertaken and habitats become established.

These impacts would be carefully managed and kept to a minimum wherever possible, with the aim of delivering lasting environmental and community benefits for future generations.

As we get closer to delivery, we would like to invite local residents and stakeholders to learn more about the proposed restoration works. The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear about the project's objectives, the anticipated benefits for the river and surrounding area, and the next steps in delivery. Project representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss the proposals. Meeting details are as follows:

Date: 10 November
Time: 11am – 3pm
Location: Leap Valley, 35 Aintree Dr, Bristol BS16 6SY

We hope you will be able to attend and share your views.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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