ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear All

Thank you to Jeremy and Steve for meeting with us on Tuesday 9th July to discuss the upcoming works in January 2020.

Alfriston Parish Council have had the opportunity to discuss the planned water main replacement works at a full Council Meeting on Monday 15th July. The meeting was well attended by the village, and many present felt strongly about a number of points as follow:

- 1) It is of grave concern to both business owners and residents that the works are scheduled to take so long, running so significantly into the tourist season which is a period so vital to the economic survival of most village traders. Easter is the time when the tourist season begins and we therefore urge SE Water to do everything possible to improve the resourcing for this project to ensure that completion of the works can be achieved by this date. If this is not possible, we would request that the works be suspended on 31st March, and that any remaining work be undertaken in January 2021.
- 2) There was general dismay at the state which the High Street has been left following the survey works. We discussed the issue of the painting marks in the centre of the village at our meeting and you indicated that you would be able to contact the survey company to have them clean this up. Please can you arrange for this to happen at the earliest opportunity as the dry period we are experiencing would suggest they will remain longer than even you envisaged.
- 3) At the conclusion of the works, in order to signal to the wider community that the village is back open for business (and leak free!), the Parish Council is considering holding some sort of event in the village. Ideally this would be at the Easter

weekend. We wondered if, as a sign of what we hope will be a good working relationship, SE Water would consider sponsoring such an event?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely

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