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FLOOD RELIEF WORK STARTS IN CRAWLEY

Thames Water engineers start work next week on a project to reduce the risk of flooding at homes in Park Way, Crawley.

Properties in the area have in the past been flooded when heavy rainfall has overwhelmed local sewers.

The £96,000 scheme involves the construction of 25 metres of new pipes to increase the capacity of the sewer network. In addition, a valve will be installed to prevent the public sewer causing flooding from customers' own pipes when it is full.

Letters have been sent to local people explaining the need for the improvements, and how they will be carried out.

Bob Turner, Thames Water's Project Manager, said: "Sewer flooding can be an unpleasant and distressing experience, so it is important that we make these improvements to reduce the risk of the problem recurring."

Work on the project, which starts on Monday (23 May), will be complete by the end of June.