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Flood Risk Study



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Background

This information leaflet has been produced in order to keep local residents informed of the progress and future direction of Oxford City Council's Northway and Marston Flood Risk Management Study.

Over the last 18 months, the Council and their project partners, the Environment Agency and Atkins Engineering Consultancy, have been working hard to better understand flood risk within the areas of Northway and Marston. More specifically, the project team has sought to identify the potential sources, extent and depth of flooding and, to determine the implications of this risk to the local communities.

The project team are now working towards the determination of flood risk management options which may have the potential to reduce or mitigate flood risk to property.

Previous Study

As part of the initial phase of the work, completed in June 2011, a flood risk mapping exercise was completed and accepted by the Environment Agency as an appropriate basis for further work. Subsequent to this, an appraisal of potential flood risk management options was undertaken to determine potential viability for reducing flood risk to people and property.

A range of options were considered and the outcome of the study was that the flood storage option should be taken forward for further investigation.

What are we doing now?

The project team is currently assessing whether a flood storage measure would provide a suitable standard of protection for local property and if so, how the measure could be engineered and implemented with minimal impact to the daily lives of residents and the environment.

This assessment will be documented to the exacting standards of DEFRA. The Environment Agency and the Council are working in partnership with Atkins to produce this report.



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Who are we talking to?

The project team is consulting the following stakeholder organisations in order to identify potential constraints to flood mitigation measures and opportunities for wider benefits beyond flood alleviation such as environmental enhancements:

- **Oxfordshire County Council**
- **Environment Agency**
- **Thames Water**
- **John Radcliffe Hospital Trust**
- **Local environmental and flood action groups**
- **Natural England**
- **English Heritage**
- **Oxford University Estates Office**



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Consultation Exercise

An initial public consultation exercise was conducted in 2010. This involved the distribution of a questionnaire to around 3500 properties in the area of which 538 were returned with valuable information.

This information was documented and a composite flood map of reported incidents has been produced and is shown below.



Timescale

The project team is working to the following timescale of activities.

Identification of technically viable option –
January 2012

Public exhibition and consultation event –
*Monday 19 March 2012, 12noon - 9.30pm at
Northway Centre, Dora Carr Close*

Submission of Project Appraisal Report for
Environment Agency Review – *Summer 2012*

Public Consultation

In order to provide residents the opportunity to find out more about the project and the flood risk management option under consideration, a public exhibition and drop in consultation event will be held. The chance to meet and discuss the project with representatives of the project team

will be provided, this will allow you to raise any concerning issues that you may have with regards the study and presented options as well as enable opportunities for wider community enhancement to be discussed.



The public exhibition and consultation event will take place on Monday 19 March 2012, 12noon - 9.30pm at Northway Centre, Dora Carr Close.

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Contact Information

If you would like to provide comment on the project you will be able to through the Oxford City Council consultation web portal at:

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