

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Public Consultation

Context / Statutory Responsibilities

June 2023

Flood and Water Management Act 2010

- Croydon Council defined as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) under the Act
- Responsible for managing risk of flooding from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses
- Maintain a register of assets
- Investigate significant flood events
- Statutory consultee on major development regarding drainage
- Consent works impacting ordinary watercourses
- Co-operate with other risk management authorities

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

- Another duty of the LLFA is to prepare a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Duty to consult the public on the Strategy
- Strategy focuses on the management of local flood risk
- Must align with national strategy but consider local issues
- Identifies objectives, measures and actions
- Monitoring of action plan will take place at quarterly flood group meetings

Current Strategy / Action plan

- Current Strategy adopted by the Council in December 2015 and is on our [website](#)
- Act recommends the strategy is reviewed every 6 years
- The current Strategy has [8 objectives](#) and 92 [actions](#)
- Some of the main actions points of the strategy included:
 - continued engagement with Thames Water,
 - cooperation and sharing data and resources with other boroughs, etc.

Strategy Expectations

- Strategy aims to reduce the risk and impact of flooding
- Draft strategy has 7 objectives and around 117 actions
- Builds on changes to Environmental and Planning guidance
- Builds on the work from the previous strategy

Updating the Strategy 2023-2028

- Draft Strategy developed for the period 2023-2028
- [Consultation](#) with residents/ businesses and partners currently taking place – ends 3 August 2023
- Our Comms team are supporting us with engaging our stakeholders

Public Consultation

- Working with the communications team to engage our residents, businesses, and other stakeholders
- Consultation published via Get Involved Croydon
- Residents will have their say on Council's plan to manage flood risk
- Targeted engagement with those at higher risk of flooding
- Comms team are promoting the consultation through multiple channels
- Promotion will continue throughout the 6-week consultation period
- Feedback will be analysed before finalising the Strategy

Next steps

- Consultation ongoing and planned to end 3rd Aug 2023
- Assessing feedback - Aug 2023
- Finalise draft Strategy – Aug/ Sept 2023
- Presented strategy to Cabinet - Dec 2023
- Publish the final Strategy on our website – Dec 2023/
Jan 2024