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Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Consultation Strategy

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition
FWMA	Flood and Water Management Act (2010)
Hillingdon	The geographical area of the London Borough of Hillingdon.
Hillingdon Council	The Local Authority governing the London Borough of Hillingdon.
HRA	Habitat Regulations Assessment
LFRMS	Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
Metis	Metis Consultants Limited
Ramsar	Ramsar sites are wetlands of international importance, designated under the Ramsar Convention.
RMA	Risk Management Authority
SAC	Special Areas of Conservation
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SPA	Special Protection Area

CONSULTATION STRATEGY

1. Overview

The [Flood and Water Management Act \(2010\) \(FWMA\)](#) stipulates that all Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) should develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area. This is termed the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS), which includes information on the management of surface water, rivers, groundwater, sewers, and artificial sources. The LFRMS should be updated approximately every six years or when there are any major changes in relevant legislation.

2. Outputs of the LFRMS

The key output of the LFRMS is the strategy itself, which has been produced for this update in an online webpage format to make it more accessible for residents. Within these webpages, the purpose of the LFRMS and the strategic objectives are established. It will also outline flood risk in Hillingdon, roles and responsibilities, flood alleviation schemes, and advice for residents.

The LFRMS will also include an Action Plan. This contains a set of actions for each of the strategic objectives. Each action states which Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) are delivery partners, timescales, the status of the action and links to relevant legislations or policies.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report and a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report are additional requirements of the LFRMS. The SEA Screening Report investigates whether there will be any detrimental effects on environmental, social, or economic issues within Hillingdon. These effects are assessed using baseline data and were then used to establish seven SEA objectives to assess the LFRMS strategic objectives. It was determined that implementation of the LFRMS enables either positive or neutral effects on the SEA objectives.

The HRA Screening Report examines if the implementation of the LFRMS might have a detrimental impact on any Natura 2000 sites such as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA) and Ramsar sites. No sites were identified within Hillingdon. However, four SAC sites and two Ramsar sites were identified to be located within 10km of the borough boundary or to be hydraulically linked to the borough.

- Site 1: Burnham Beeches
- Site 2: Richmond Park
- Site 3: Wimbledon Common
- Site 4: Windsor Forest & Great Park
- Site 5: South West London Waterbodies
- Site 6: Thames Estuary & Marshes

Analysis of each HRA site against each LFRMS strategic objective indicated that they do not pose any negative impacts on the Natura 2000 sites identified.

3. Who we will engage with

There are several groups who will be engaged with through the public consultation of the LFRMS. These groups can be categorised as community stakeholders, strategic stakeholders, and Hillingdon Council stakeholders, as outlined below:

Table 1 - Stakeholders who will be engaged during the LFRMS public consultation.

Community Stakeholders	Strategic Stakeholders	Hillingdon Council Stakeholders
Hillingdon residents	Environment Agency	Emergency Management and Response Team
Community groups such as the Crane Valley Partnership	Thames Flood Advisors	Planning Policy and Infrastructure Team
Flood Action Groups	Thames Water	GIS Team
'Friends of' groups	Greater London Authority	Web Team
Environmental groups such as Thames21	Natural England	Corporate Communications Team
	Transport for London	Customer Engagement Team
	Historic England	Highways Team
	Neighbouring authorities (Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, London Borough of Ealing, London Borough of Harrow, and London Borough of Hounslow)	Green Spaces Team
	Network Rail	Housing Team
	Heathrow Airport	Traffic and Transport Team
	Ministry of Defence	Capital Works Team

The SEA and HRA screening reports will undergo consultation with statutory consultees during the public consultation period. The statutory consultees for the SEA are the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England. The only statutory consultee for the HRA is Natural England.

The opinions of those within each stakeholder group are valuable and it is important that they are given the opportunity to contribute to the LFRMS. Hillingdon LLFA would like to reach as many residents as possible, including those who are not currently engaged in flood risk matters. By choosing to include a variety of stakeholders throughout the process, it enables the LFRMS to be a strong and inclusive strategic document. It is important that residents are aware of its contents and know how they can use the document.

4. The public consultation

Stakeholders will be consulted through an online questionnaire which will be hosted on the Hillingdon Council consultations webpage. However, there will be an option for residents to complete the consultation in written format if requested to the Customer Engagement Team. The Hillingdon Customer Engagement Team and Communications Team will work together with the LLFA to publicise the

consultation. Some examples of this may include newsletters, social media, and online community pages. The strategic stakeholders will be engaged via email which will be managed by Metis Consultants Limited (Metis). The strategic and Hillingdon Council stakeholders were informed of the consultation period early in the project development to aid this process.

The consultation questions and response options have been provided in *Table 2* for the LFRMS. The questions regarding the SEA and HRA for the statutory consultees have been provided separately in their respective documents.

Table 2 - LFRMS public consultation questions.

Questions	Response options
1. Please select the category which best describes you.	Resident Risk Management Authority (<i>please state which</i>) Council employee (<i>please state team/department</i>) Other (<i>please provide details</i>)
2. Is the purpose of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy clear? If no, please provide reasons.	Open response
3. Do you agree with the strategic objectives of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy? If no, please provide reasons.	Open response
4. Has the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy helped you to understand your local flood risk better?	Yes No Unsure
5. Using the information in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, do you know what to do if you were to experience a flood?	Yes No Unsure
6. Using the information in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, do you know how to report different types of flooding?	Yes No Unsure
7. Using the information in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, are you aware of ways to reduce your flood risk at a property level?	Yes No Unsure
8. Which areas do you think the Council should prioritise for further flood risk interventions?	Open response (please be specific i.e postcodes if possible)
9. Are there any other pieces of information you would like in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Open response
10. Do you agree that the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy addresses the impacts of climate change sufficiently?	Open response

Questions	Response options
11. Are there any actions that you disagree with? If yes, please detail which action(s) and why.	Open response
12. Do you have any other comments on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy?	Open response
13. Do you have any comments on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report?	Open response
14. Do you have any comments on the Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report?	Open response

5. Timeframe

The LFRMS consultation will commence in early January subject to Council approval. The consultation will last for a minimum of 6 weeks.

6. Final LFRMS completion

Following the public consultation, the comments and feedback received will be collated and reviewed. The LLFA will then make the necessary changes and will seek Cabinet approval for the final published version in Spring 2024.

The LFRMS will be subject to an annual review thereafter.