

## Monthly flood risk management meeting

**13 September 2022**

Chair: Herefordshire Council – Steve Hodges (SH).

Attendees: Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) – Joel Hockenhull (JH), Jenny Allen (JA).  
Environment Agency (EA) Partnership and Strategic Overview (PSO) – Dannie Degville (DD), George Maslin (GM), Tom Curwell (TC).  
ESW RFCC Local Levy Team: Karen Jouny (KJ), Amy Beddoes (AB).

### 1 Actions from previous meetings

- Lower Bullingham – SH asked GM for feedback on any EA permissions required for clearance works along Redbrook. GM advised that Natural England would need to be approached and that Darren Peach (DP) is now leading on the EA's work at Lower Bullingham.

### 2 Update on EA led schemes

- Lower Bullingham – DP to carry out Initial Assessment and project to remain in touch with Catchment Based Group (CBG).
- Greyfriars – community drop in event now happening on 4 October.
- Leintwardine & Walford – property surveys completed in August and currently being reviewed by the EA. SH again requested that scheme updates to be shared with the Ward Member, Parish Council, HC and BBLP. Citizenspace webpage not planned.
- Mordiford Bridge – DD and SH recently attended meeting with HC Highways. Highways require certain aspects to be included within design and DD to have conversation with EA legal on collaborative arrangements. Exception report has been accepted and more regular meetings to be scheduled.
- Ewyas Harold/Dulas Brook – site visit scheduled for 14 September with Cllr Jinman, EA and the consultants writing the Strategic Outline Case. SH queried progress on publication of the Citizenspace webpage – still requires signing off. The EA will discuss at their site visit the request for a multi-agency meeting.
- Eardisland – site visit undertaken by EA with Jacksons (contractors). Vegetation growing on weir as low water flows. Removal of weir may create even lower flows and cause issues with private scheduled monument and ornamental pond. If removal of weir no longer viable, the EA will look to progress a PFR scheme instead. DD waiting for PC meeting to be scheduled to provide update to community.
- Hampton Bishop – scheme is going to move into next year which will remove issues with Outcome Measures for bridge works and by which time the Wye model may have been updated.
- Ross On Wye – dependent upon the update of the Wye model.
- Next CBG meeting is 16 September.

### 3 Update on HC led scheme

- Wellington – WSP are being commissioned and a site meeting is required to inform the survey scope. Process to then recruit surveyor and start modelling work. Low points, flood timings and sites flooded first have been identified. Delivery will be over this year and next.
- Brimfield, Orleton & Little Hereford PFR scheme – community meeting held last month where a commitment was made to submit the Business Case to the EA mid-September. Issues needing to be resolved with the survey reports for properties which don't reflect what happens in a flood. Delivery of project to be over 2 years.
- Eardisley – positive community meeting held last week. Project now needs to consider utility/services diversion. Funding to be secured to complete the design.
- Lyde – project needs to be approved by EA and completed this year. Further communication required with the community to better understand delivery.
- WSP commissioned to review studies for Kymin Brook and Daycroft Lane, Walford.
- Yazor – Moved into programme for next year, along with Roman Road.

- Cusup (Hay on Wye) – multi-Agency meeting planned for 29 September. Our initial review indicated that the Dulas Brook backed up due to high Wye levels in February 2020.

#### **4 RFCC**

- Next meeting 18 October at Leominster – HC to provide project updates to the EA by the end of the week.

#### **5 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

- Research has been completed to assess strategies of other Lead Local Flood Authorities. WSP has been commissioned to carry out a review of the current strategy. Meetings will be scheduled to further review and to discuss other improvements that can be made/best practice.
- Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee is to discuss the strategy and latest action plan on 16 November.

#### **6 Update on NFM Business Case**

- SH advised that work is underway to mobilise the contract with the Wye & Usk Foundation for Catchment Advisor services in six areas of the county. Temporary maternity cover starting on 10 October.

#### **7 Any other business**

- GM is leaving the PSO team temporarily, DP will be taking over from him. SH wished GM well for the future and expressed his thanks for his help and support.

#### **8 Dates of future meetings**

- Tuesday 11 October, 9.30am
- Tuesday 8 November, 9.30am
- Tuesday 13 December, 9.30am