

## Monthly flood risk management meeting – Virtual 19 June 2024

Chair: Herefordshire Council (HC) – Steve Hodges (SH)

Attendees: Balfour Beatty (BBLP) - Joel Hockenhull (JH), Jenny Allen (JA), Lauren Harrison (LH).  
Environment Agency (EA) Partnership and Strategic Overview (PSO) – Emily Penning (EP)  
ESW RFCC Local Levy Team – Mike Teague (MT), Robyn Bradley (RB).

### 1. Update on EA led schemes

#### • Catchment Based Group (CBG)

- **Lugg and Arrow Model Upgrade 2024 (EP)** – Jacobs are undertaking a Detailed Model Review in July which will inform the upgrade of the Lugg, Arrow and Pinsley Brook Model from 2013.
- **Lower Bullingham (EP & JH)** – BBLP had a site meeting with the landowner (Bloor Homes) to discuss farm access culvert improvements. Bloor Homes will undertake remedial works to ensure the Withy Brook water remains in channel. Assessment of flood risk to properties from ordinary watercourse and River Wye taking place to identify suitable mitigation options.
- **Ewyas Harold / Dulas Brook (EP)** – Property Flood Resilience (PFR) project to be taken forward alongside the Herefordshire Natural Flood Management (NFM) project.
- **River Arrow – Lugg and Arrow Weir Impact Assessments (EP)** – Assessments concluded for three weirs on the River Arrow and the next set of assessments are starting shortly. The outputs are being used to inform the parallel project called ‘Lugg and Arrow Asset Management Review’.
- **River Arrow – Lugg and Arrow Asset Management Review (EP)** – EA Asset Performance is working closely with consultants to review the assets within the Lugg and Arrow catchments which will then inform future management plans.
- **Hampton Bishop (EP & JH)** – BBLP is to install a Penstock in ditch system during 2024/25. The EA is awaiting Lugg and Wye model updates. A meeting with the community took place in May 2024 and HC/BBLP/EA provided a number of updates. The Flood Mitigation Group explained how they are working locally to gather information which is helpful in better understanding the movement of water within the catchment.
- **Eardisland (EP on behalf of George Maslin (GM))** – The EA is finalising the contract with Lot 2 suppliers and following completion, structural surveys, pre installation surveys, homeowner agreements and listed building consent applications will follow. Listed building consent pre-app will be submitted following Lot 2 structural surveys.
- **Greyfriars (EP on behalf of Tom Curwell (TC))** – Contractors have now finished most of the ground investigation (GI) work with the exception of a borehole on Gwynne Street which is scheduled to be completed in the next few months. GI results are due in July. The EA are monitoring the boreholes for 6-8 months to assess how groundwater levels respond to changes in river level. Once investigations are complete, Arup will be undertaking the detailed design and working on the planning application.
- **Leintwardine and Walford PFR (EP on behalf of Sam Whitfield (SW))** – All homeowner agreements have now been signed off by homeowners. Most properties have now had PFR measures installed (one property awaiting flood doors). Wet testing has been confirmed for 10% of the properties involved, dates to be confirmed between Watertight and the residents. Homeowner training packs are to be sent to residents by 28 June 2024.
- **Bishops Frome PFR (EP on behalf of GM)** - Being incorporated into Herefordshire PFR package commencing in 2024/25.
- **Cusop/Dulas Brook (EP on behalf of TC)** – Funding process started for installation of resilience measures. No update.
- **Ross on Wye (EP)** – Awaiting Wye model (expected 2025/26). A Section 19 Report is being prepared by BBLP following the recent flood event – expected to be published in September 2024.

## 2. Update on HC led schemes

- **Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR** (JA) – PFR Materials have been ordered by Lakeside. Further enquiries to be made into structural survey costs and a further funding application may be necessary (subject to Partnership Funding Calculator results).
- **Kymin Brook** (JH) – Initial site investigation taken place and cross sections completed (low level feasibility survey). Next stage is to approach contractor for revised costs on formalising modelling.
- **Lyde** (JH) – One outstanding final agreement to be signed by residents. Funding has been received from EA.
- **Wellington Brook** (JH) – A short list of options have been created based on feasibility discussions. Findings to be published within a report and shared with EA/Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.
- **Yazor Brook Culverts** (JA) – Initial manhole survey has been undertaken and some manholes may need replacing. Awaiting Traffic Management costs. A further funding application may be necessary.
- **Eardisley** (JH) – Have asked contractor for refinement on scope of works provided.
- **Hoarwithy** (JA) – Draft Outline Business Case has been reviewed by the EA and now needs to be finalised by BBLP.
- **HC NFM update** (SH) – The Wye & Usk Foundation continue to produce tailored reports for landowners identifying NFM works that may be undertaken on their land. Severn Rivers Trust (SRT) have begun engagement within the Brimfield catchment and have done an initial leaflet drop and met with relevant ward members, flood groups and parish councils to get local insight into the problems and make some possible links to interested landowners. SRT held a successful drop in event within the catchment last month.

## 2. Any Other Business

- **Herefordshire Flood Groups Meeting** – Now being held at Hereford Rowing Club on 16 July.

## 3. Date of future meeting

- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm (Virtual)