

Monthly flood risk management meeting – Virtual 10 April 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), Karen Jouny (KJ)

1. Update on EA led schemes

• Catchment Based Group (CBG)

- **Leominster** (EP) – Lugg and Arrow 2013 model is to be updated to provide better baseline evidence. This modelling will inform a flood risk assessment to identify mitigation options for the south of Leominster.
- **Lower Bullingham** (EP & JH) – BBLP had a site meeting with the landowner (Bloor Homes) to discuss farm access culvert improvements. Bloor Homes to complete modelling work regarding the potential culvert improvements. Assessment of flood risk to properties from ordinary watercourse and River Wye taking place to identify suitable mitigation options.
- **Ewyas Harold / Dulas Brook** (EP) – PFR project to be taken forward alongside the HC led Natural Flood Management 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 due to carry out installation of Penstock in ditch system during 2024/25. The EA is awaiting Wye model update (due 2025/26). Meeting to be arranged next month with the community.
- **Eardisland** (EP on behalf of GM) – PFR initial surveys have been completed and shared with homeowners. Homeowner agreements to follow. Listed buildings require structural surveys, unknown certainty on impact to programme. 44 eligible properties. Currently in the process of tendering for a preferred contractor to carry out structural and pre-installation surveys.
- **Mordiford Bridge** (EP) – EA Asset Performance are liaising with HC/BBLP around emergency action plans when flooding occurs.
- **Greyfriars** (EP on behalf of TC) – Results of ground investigation surveys expected May which will feed into feasibility design. Presentation to be given at April RFCC Meeting. Meeting to be held between HC/BBLP & EA Greyfriars PM regarding the proposed Yazor Brook culvert survey and proposed extents to avoid duplication of work.
- **Leintwardine and Walford PFR** (SW) – PFR suppliers are in the process of chasing up the final homeowner agreements. Installation of PFR measures has been undertaken in four properties w/c 2-5 April. Recent flooding (and high groundwater levels) has made accessing the area more challenging (causing delays to one of the installations which will be rearranged once water levels have receded). Further installations planned between 2-26 April. There are four properties that require flood doors, the installation of which may be delayed due to their current unavailability. Wet testing is planned post installation (late summer/early autumn).
- **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).

2. Update on HC led schemes

- **Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR** (SH/JA) – Detailed Design has been agreed and HC Homeowner Legal Agreements are being finalised prior to being sent out to residents.
- **Kymin Brook** (JA) – Grant application for project funding to be progressed in 2024/25.
- **Lyde** (JA) – Land and property negotiations have been finalised and residents have been given provisional start date of September. Request submitted to the EA to draw down funding.
- **Wellington Brook** (JH) – A long list of options has been identified based on the modelling outputs. A short list is to be created based on feasibility discussions.
- **Yazor Brook Culverts** (JA) – Grant funding application to be submitted to the EA.
- **Eardisley** (JH) – Scope of works and project proposal has been issued to contractor.
- **Hoarwithy** (JA) – Draft Outline Business Case has been submitted to the EA for comment.

3. Any Other Business

- **River Lugg Embargo** (EP) – No information from internal discussions.
- **CBG Update** (EP) – The EA suggests that SH attends quarterly meetings to feed info to CBG regarding HC projects.

4. Date of future meeting

- Wednesday 8 May, 10am (in person at Rotherwas)