

Camden's Flood Risk Management Strategy – Consultation Questions

Instructions

To give your views on Camden's draft Flood Risk Management Strategy 2022-2027, please complete this form and send via email to Greencamden@camden.gov.uk

Alternatively, please post your form to the address below:

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If you require the information provided below in any other format, please contact Greencamden@camden.gov.uk or call 020 7974 4444 and ask for the Sustainability, Air Quality and Energy team.

Overview

The draft Camden Flood Risk Management Strategy (FRMS) sets out how Camden Council, in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority for Camden, and partner authorities will work together to manage flood risk. We are consulting on Camden's second FRMS which sets out this joint approach in Camden until 2027. The Council has produced the FRMS under the requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

Human-induced climate change is seeing extreme weather events affect many parts of the world. Camden is not immune, and the likelihood of flood events occurring is increasing. Flooding will sometimes occur despite all efforts to prevent it. The FRMS therefore focuses not just on action to manage flood risk, but also on measures designed to build resilience to its impact.

There have been three major flooding incidents recorded in Camden, taking place in 1975, 2002 and 2021. Although these events are infrequent, they can turn people's lives upside-down and disrupt local infrastructure and services. Flooding in July 2021 impacted over 100 residential properties and 12 businesses. An investigation of the flood event was completed, and the flood risk management recommendations have been embedded into this draft Strategy.

Since the publication of Camden's first FRMS in 2013, several flood risk reduction projects have been delivered in Camden which are highlighted within the Strategy and in the case studies below. This FRMS seeks to build on these projects and sets out our approach to flood risk management under the following objectives:

- Improving our understanding of the flood sources and flood impacts in Camden
- Identifying and securing funding to help deliver mitigation projects for flood risk
- Increase awareness and understanding of the flood risk in Camden communities
- Improve partnerships with stakeholders, ensuring all flood event flood events are accurately and independent reviewed

Once published the Strategy will be reviewed every two years to monitor performance and evaluate progress in delivery of the stated actions. New actions will also be introduced, building on the outcomes of actions completed. Every two years progress updates will be supplemented by updates throughout the period to communicate project progress and raise awareness of flood risk in the borough.

Your views matter

Our communities are at the heart of everything we do at Camden, our FRMS is no different. We want to hear your thoughts on the Strategy as an individual, community, business, or organisation within Camden.

We have prioritised projects in areas where there we have identified higher flood risk through modelling and evidence of historic flooding. We are interested in hearing your views on the proposed strategy for mitigating flood risk and creating climate resilient communities.

While we have been able to develop a strong understanding of the flood risk in the borough through our modelling and records, there is always

more information we can use, and we're keen to hear from you about areas in your neighbourhood which flood regularly or actions that have been taken which have had an impact on flood risk.

The key sections of the FRMS have been summarised and incorporated into the consultation survey, however a full draft of the document is available online or can be requested via email at greencamden@camden.gov.uk or by telephone on 020 7974 4444.

What happens next

This consultation will be open for 8 weeks. During this time, you will have the opportunity to review the Strategy and provide your comments. We will be contacting some at-risk community groups to understand comments and concerns they may have as a collective.

Once we have reviewed all the feedback, we will produce a final version of the Strategy, based on your comments, incorporating suggested changes where practical. Following the changes, the Strategy will be considered for adoption by Camden Council's Cabinet in December 2022.

In the meantime, we will continue to deliver projects and programmes to reduce flood risk in Camden.

The London Borough of Camden Lead Local Flood Authority have a statutory duty to consult key stakeholders in relation to its Local Flood Risk Management Strategy under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 and associated Flood Risk Management Regulations 2009. We invite all interested parties to make any representations necessary by filling in and submitting your responses to the survey questions. If you wish to submit any additional evidence to support your response, then please contact us at greencamden@camden.gov.uk

Accessibility

If you require any of this information in an alternative format, then please contact us via email at greencamden@camden.gov.uk or by telephone on 020 7974 4444 and we will do our best to assist you.

Flood Risk Management Strategy

The draft Camden Flood Risk Management Strategy (FRMS) sets out how Camden Council, in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority for Camden, and partner authorities will work together to manage flood risk.

Please complete the following survey to provide your views on the proposed actions to reduce and manage flood risk in Camden over the next 5 years.

Data Privacy Notice

Sustainability, Air Quality and Energy team at London Borough of Camden will use this survey to collect some personal data to comply with a statutory duty to consult on the Flood Risk Management Strategy. This data will be processed in accordance with the 2018 Data Protection Act, the General Data Protection Regulations and any subsequent relevant data and will only be used for the purpose stated. The data we collect will be held securely on computer for a period of up to eight years before being appropriately destroyed.

Objectives of the Flood Risk Management Strategy

The Camden Flood Risk Management Strategy sets out how Camden Council, in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority for Camden, and partner authorities will work together to manage flood risk.

The Flood Risk Management Strategy has the following key objectives:

1. To improve our understanding of flood risk in Camden;
2. To identify, secure funding and deliver projects that help to manage flood risk;
3. To build community resilience to flood risk (explained below); and
4. To support the review of, and recovery from, a flood event.

Do you agree with the proposed objectives of the draft FRMS?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please use the space below to provide any comments you may have about the proposed objectives:

Delivering flood risk alleviation projects

While there is no statutory obligation on any organisation in Camden to deliver flood defence or alleviation schemes in locations that are at risk of flooding, the Council in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority, will seek opportunities to deliver flood risk alleviation projects across Camden to help build a more climate resilient borough.

The following questions seek responses on the proposed approach to flood alleviation schemes in Camden across 5 main areas:

- Delivery of flood alleviation schemes in priority areas
- Mainstreaming sustainable drainage into public realm improvements
- Building community resilience to flooding
- Improving flood risk management through development
- Additional flood alleviation programmes

Delivery of flood alleviation schemes in priority areas

We will prioritise projects in areas where there is modelled flood risk and evidence of historic flooding. However, this will not preclude the development of projects in other areas of Camden where one-off funding or other opportunities arise, for example through the planning system or through planned public realm improvements.

If you believe that additional priority areas should be added to the FRMS in addition to those outlined below, please provide information in the comments box at the end of the question. If you have any photos or other

supporting evidence, please send via email to greencamden@camden.gov.uk

The Council in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority, will seek opportunities to deliver flood risk alleviation projects across Camden to help build a more climate resilient borough.

1. The primary priority areas for flood alleviation projects include

- South Hampstead
- South End Green (Hampstead Town)
- Parts of West Hampstead and
- Parts of Kilburn.

These are areas where the evidence of flood risk is accompanied by reasonable opportunities for external funding.

Do you agree with the primary priority areas for flood risk alleviation projects?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

2. Secondary priority areas include:

- Dartmouth Park
- Gospel Oak
- Camden Town
- Kings Cross

These areas are characterised by lower levels of modelled flood risk and are less likely to attract external funding; however, there is scope for project delivery.

Do you agree with the secondary priority areas for flood risk alleviation projects?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Use the space below to provide any comments. If you are proposing additional or alternative priority locations, please provide any supporting evidence:

Mainstreaming sustainable drainage into public realm improvements

In addition to the above geographically defined projects, the LLFA will work with teams across the Council to mainstream sustainable drainage and flood alleviation into other major Council investment programmes, including highways and parks projects.

Do you agree with this proposed approach?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Use the space below to provide any comments on mainstreaming sustainable drainage into public realm improvements.:

Building community resilience to flooding

Building a community's resilience to flood risk will involve improving their understanding of when flooding is likely to occur, for example by being aware of weather alert systems, developing an understanding of the protective measures a building owner can take to reduce flood risk, for example through property protection; and ensuring that neighbours, particularly those who may be vulnerable to flood risk, are supported to protect themselves.

The Council will seek to:

- Pilot a Community Flood Plan, working with a community group to identify practical actions to take before and during a flood, helping reduce the damage flooding can cause
- Work with schools to manage flood risk and educate students about the importance of building climate resilience
- Continue to highlight the issue of flood insurance in Camden, and identify other routes of obtaining insurance

Do you agree with this proposed approach?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Use the space below to make any comments. In your view, if there are any additional routes that could be considered to build community resilience to flooding in Camden then please provide them in the space below:

Improving flood risk management through development

The Council will continue to ensure that new developments are safe from flood risk and wherever possible reduce the risk of flooding elsewhere. We will:

- Review areas of Camden considered to be ‘Local Flood Risk Zones’ which are subject to enhanced flood risk assessment through the planning process
- Review the drainage implications of all major planning applications
- Review the flood risk of basement developments in streets identified to be at high risk of flooding or areas with elevated risk of groundwater flooding

Do you agree with this proposed approach?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Use the space below to provide any comments on improving flood risk management through development:

Additional flood alleviation programmes

In addition to the measures outlined above, we will:

- Work with utility providers to identify opportunities to install sustainable drainage during highways projects.
- Complete a review of Camden-owned homes that are at risk of flooding and identify opportunities to reduce risk and increase flood preparedness

- Expand flood risk mapping to identify and implement small scale interventions to manage surface water flood risk

Do you agree with this proposed approach?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Use the space below to provide any comments:

General feedback

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed FRMS or flood risk management in Camden?

Do you have any suggestions for action that could be taken in Camden to improve flood risk management or to build community resilience to the impacts of flooding?

About you

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally. We collect this data as part of our day to day business to help us improve our services. It means that we can meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

These duties are to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination
- advance equality of opportunity
- foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic* and those who don't

*The Equality Act 2010 lists a number of characteristics which must not be used as a reason to treat someone worse than others. The protected characteristics are: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnerships and pregnancy and maternity.

We will not use this data for any other purpose, and it is not used to identify any individual. If you do not wish to answer the questions, please choose the 'prefer not to say' option.

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

- Individual
- Organisation

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Prefer not to say

What is your age?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 – 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 – 74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 – 84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ |

What is your religion or belief?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> No religion/belief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) |

Other religion or belief

How would you describe your ethnicity?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/ British | <input type="checkbox"/> African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please state below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Other background (please state below) | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed ethnic background (please state below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group (please state below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background (please state below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean | |

Do you have dependant(s) aged 16 and under?

- Yes
- No

If you are a woman, are you pregnant?

- Not a woman
- Pregnant
- Not pregnant

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? In other words, a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities?

Yes – please tick all that apply

- No
- Physical impairment (including frailty)
- Sensory impairment
- Long-standing illness
- Mental health condition (including dementia)
- Substance misuse
- Learning disability/difficulty
- Other disability condition (please state below)

Other disability

Flood risk in your community

We collect this data as part of our approach to identify ways to improve risk management in Camden. This section can be left blank, but any information provide will help us to improve the targeting of our work and may help us to signpost you to relevant support.

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The following questions are optional.

Are there any groups or forums you feel it would be particularly helpful to raise awareness of the flood risk schemes?

Please tell us who these groups or forums are and how we can contact them:

Do you have any additional information about flooding you would be willing to share with us? (e.g. steps taken to make homes/buildings better prepared for flooding or information about places that flood regularly or flooded on a particular occasion).

Please be as specific as possible detailing at least street names/postcodes and ideally location within the street as well as dates of the events.

Have you previously experienced flooding in a property based in Camden?

Yes

No

What year did you experience flooding? (Please tick all that apply)

1975

2002

2021

2022

Other

If yes, please provide some additional information below

Are you happy for us to contact you in relation to the information provided above?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the following:

Your name:

Your email address:

Your telephone number: