

# Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme

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## Introduction

In October 2001 Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon experienced a significant flooding event. An event that was repeated in May 2012 and February 2014. Due to the effects of a changing climate, events like these are expected to happen more frequently in the future.

## What has happened since the flooding?

We consulted with residents in 2015 with a range of options. The scheme that received the greatest public support at that time was provision of a flood storage area within the valley of the River Blackwater. Subsequently, when this was investigated further, it was found to be unaffordable because in order to store large volumes of water, significant quantities of material would need to be removed from the site and costly flood dam built.

After a series of landowner meetings we subsequently approached Blackwater Aggregates about a potential partnership and found that by working together a long-term solution might be possible. If permissions are granted, the company would be able to quarry and remove the necessary volumes of material, fully restore the site afterwards in a way that improves the bio-diversity of habitat and make the scheme affordable.

## What are the next steps?

A planning application for this proposal is due to be submitted before Essex County Council by summer 2023. As local residents you will be able to express your views on the scheme before a decision is made.

## Where can I find out more?

For detailed information about the proposed design of the scheme, visit the Environment Agency 'Citizen Space' website: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/east-anglia-c-e/coggeshall-flood-alleviation-information-page/>. This website provides a full description of proposals for the scheme and a Q&A document which provides responses to questions and concerns raised. The website also provides information about the different types of flood risk in your area, including from river flooding which is the focus of this proposed scheme.

## Contact us

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