

East Anglia Property Flood Resilience Project Update



December 2022

What is this project about?

The project aim is to reduce the flood risk to a number of properties through the delivery of individual Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures.

Why PFR and not an alternative engineered scheme?

There are houses in East Anglia at risk of frequent flooding or which have flooded recently, and due to the isolated location there is no opportunity to develop a more permanent engineered solution within the budget available.

What have we done so far?

We have continued to develop our understanding of flood risk to homes across the area.

We have collected property threshold levels and have compared these to our modelled flood levels.

We have identified those homes which are at the highest risk of frequent flooding from main river sources and have offered each of these a free-of-charge, no-obligation PFR survey.

Our PFR specialists RAB Consultants have been carrying out the initial PFR surveys and preparing reports which detail bespoke recommendations for each home.

What are the next steps for the project?

RAB Consultants are currently on track to carry out the final phase of PFR Surveys by the end of 2022.

If your property has been surveyed, but you have not yet received a bespoke report, it will be with you soon.

We are currently developing our business case in line with HM Treasury guidelines. We aim to have sufficient information to be able to submit our business case to our Assurers in the Spring 2023.

Is PFR a suitable option for every home?

Every house is different. A bespoke survey assesses the flood risk to the individual dwelling and the suitability of a range of available PFR products to mitigate the risk of water entry.

Depending on construction style and materials, PFR is not a suitable solution for all houses.

Will there definitely be funding towards the installation of PFR on suitable homes?

We cannot say for certain yet. We have offered the initial PFR survey to a large number of properties, including those at a lower risk of flooding than would ordinarily be considered for PFR

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measures. As a result there is a risk we may not be able to support the delivery of PFR to all suitable properties. However, initial economic assessments appear favourable, and providing our project gets the necessary approvals, it is possible a grant contribution could be made available to homes deemed suitable for PFR.

What may happen after the business case is approved?

We will contact homeowners to discuss the next steps.

A PFR installation company will be appointed to design and install the recommended measures.

Homeowners will be fully involved in the design process and will be able to make decisions and choices to suit them. In some cases, a homeowner may choose to pay the difference if they wish for a more bespoke or expensive design than we offer as standard (for example for a flood door). All measures which are installed as part of our project will be installed by our contractors.

Given the HM Treasury processes which we must follow, the earliest installation of PFR measures is likely to be mid to late 2023.

While we refer to a 'grant contribution', rather than providing a homeowner with a grant up front, the Environment Agency actually oversees the whole process of appointing contractors, design, installation and post-installation inspection and sign-off. This all forms part of a single project which is managed by ourselves.

Please be aware, we are unable to retrospectively fund works which have already taken place.

Find out more

Our Citizen Space Web Page:

[East Anglia Property Flood Resilience Project - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](#)

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