

## We want to update you on the findings of our study on ways to reduce flood risk in Queens Staith and Skeldergate.

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*Please be aware that due to social distancing restrictions we are unable to hold a traditional public event at this time. We would like to set up a remote live event, see the bottom of this newsletter for how to get more information. If you have any questions or comments please get in touch by emailing [yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk)*

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### Background

In January we wrote to tell you that we have been waiting for our consultants to deliver their study of options that could reduce the risk of flooding in the Skeldergate area.

We also told you that we would hold a public drop-in event to share the findings with the local community. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet with you in person and have experienced unavoidable delays. We have prepared this document to inform you of our decisions, and are looking at ways of holding a live event where you have the opportunity to speak to the project team.

### Study findings

The study identified and appraised options that could reduce the risk of flooding along Skeldergate. It looked at the benefits that each option would deliver in terms of numbers of properties protected and compared them against the development and construction costs.

The conclusion was that the only viable option to reduce the risk of flooding in Skeldergate is to provide Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures to eligible properties.

### Why is PFR the only option?

Some of the options that we appraised involved constructing floodwalls along the Ouse, waterproofing building walls and fitting floodgates across the access points from Skeldergate to Queens Staith. There are many challenges that would need to be overcome if any of these options are going to work and the study concluded that the cost of these unfortunately outweighs the benefits.

To help explain in more detail why these options are unviable we will be producing a summary document from the study and will share it with you when it is available.

### What is PFR and how will it affect me?

PFR stands for Property Flood Resilience and involves fitting products directly to individual property for example flood doors, barriers and airbrick covers. These are used to reduce the risk of flood water getting in to homes or businesses and, in some instances, to reduce the damage if it does get in. It should be noted that these products may not work on all properties. The process we will use can be broken down into 10 steps which can be viewed on the attached document.

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## Staying in touch

We appreciate that at this time it is increasingly difficult to ensure that we can get our messages out and for everyone with a question to be able to reach us.

As an organisation we are doing everything we can to support our community, our government and the NHS by abiding by the measures set by the Government during the COVID-19 outbreak. Our priority in these difficult times is the health, safety and wellbeing of residents and staff. As a result we have had to cancel all public meetings and closed the Community Flood Hub on Wellington Row.

As a team we have gone through a period of readjustment to widespread home working, and have put systems in place to support this. We continue to monitor the team mailbox [yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk) and respond to correspondence where possible. Please accept our assurance that we are doing all we can to ensure work continues as much as we can, and that delays caused by the knock-on effects of the pandemic are kept to a minimum.

At present we are unable to hold public meetings to discuss any plans with you in person. We would like to offer the option for residents to meet with us online. We are trialing out different options to find a suitable means by which to hold a public meeting without leaving our homes. If you would like to be invited once we have set up the meeting, please let us know by sending a message to [yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk) with the details by which you would like to be contacted on.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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