

# Keeping you informed

September 2019

*We want to keep you up to date on the progress of the Foss confluence to Fulford Property Flood Resilience scheme.*

## Background

We identified several options to reduce the risk of flooding within the Foss Confluence to Fulford flood cell. Having considered these from a technical, economic and environmental point of view, we have determined that the most appropriate solution is Property Flood Resilience (PFR).

All riverside properties between Marlborough Wharf and Holly Terrace, as well as six properties in the St Oswalds area, had property surveys carried out in February 2018 – a total of 68 properties. These were carried out by JBA Consulting prior to the publication of the new PFR Framework. All residents received the output of these surveys in April 2018, and have provided feedback. The purpose of these surveys was to confirm eligibility to the scheme and identify specific PFR products at a property level.

The new framework went live in December 2018. This provides a defined PFR delivery process along with a list of approved suppliers. In response, a new supplier supported by the framework, has been appointed to deliver the Foss confluence to Fulford PFR scheme.

## PFR eligibility

The surveys confirmed that 55 out of the 68 properties surveyed are eligible to receive PFR as part of the York Five Year Plan based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Property is located within the 1 in 100 year +2.4% climate change flood outline and their threshold fall below the modelled flood levels.

- Property has experienced internal flooding.
- Property forms part of a terrace at flood risk.
- To mitigate against the potential transfer of flood risk from other flood management schemes in the city.

The surveys showed that 13 of the surveyed properties on Lavington Terrace sit around one metre above the projected flood level and have no history of internal flooding meaning these properties are not eligible for the scheme.

## Who is having PFR installed?

The installation of PFR requires the formal agreement of property owners. We have carried out a number of engagement activities to secure agreement from residents.

We have received responses from 82% of property owners with 45 properties confirming their inclusion in the Foss confluence to Fulford PFR scheme.

Should property owners decline our offer for PFR, or where eligibility has changed, all personal details have been/will be removed from our system, as per the requirements under the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR).

## Appointment of contractor

In August 2019 we confirmed the appointment of a new contractor to deliver the Foss confluence to Fulford PFR scheme - Flood Technologies Limited. The Project Manager, John Mattinson, has over 43 years' experience and will be supported by a team of similarly experience specialists including Mary Dhonau and Simon Crowther who are well renowned within the PFR industry.

How we're reducing  
the risk of flooding  
for York



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## The PFR process

The new PFR Framework provides a clearly defined process for the delivery of PFR schemes. This is summarised in Figure 1 below with further information available on our webpages at:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas/>

## Drop in session

On the 2 and 3 of October 2019 we will be holding a drop in session at the York community flood hub on Wellington Row. The purpose of this session, step 4 of the PFR Framework, is to:

- Meet the supplier and review the outputs of the existing property surveys;
- View PFR products;
- Sign up to receive free flood warnings, a requirement of the PFR scheme, and gain support to create a personal flood response plan;
- Explore the creation of a community emergency plan with the support of City of York Councils' Emergency Planning team;
- Book property inspection appointments, step 5 of the PFR Framework.

This event will be appointment led. This allows residents to discuss their personal surveys and future PFR expectations on a 1-2-1 basis. Should residents feel a joint appointment is more appropriate, for example where properties are semi-detached or terraced, we will support this approach. Residents are able to book an appropriate appointment using the on-line booking system via: <https://environment-agency.appointlet.com/s/new-walk-resident-and-pfr-contractor-meeting/york-flood-plan>

## Next steps

- Dissemination of PFR survey summary by Wednesday 25 September – a personalised document which lists the recommendations of the existing survey and document outstanding points to be discussed at the scheduled drop in session.
- Drop in session to meet the supplier, review existing property surveys, view PFR products and book property inspection appointment.
- Installation period, step 9 of the PFR Framework, is expected to commence in December 2019 subject to product choice and legal agreements being in place.

## Staying in touch

Our website contains the most up to date information on the proposed scheme.

York FAS website: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas/>

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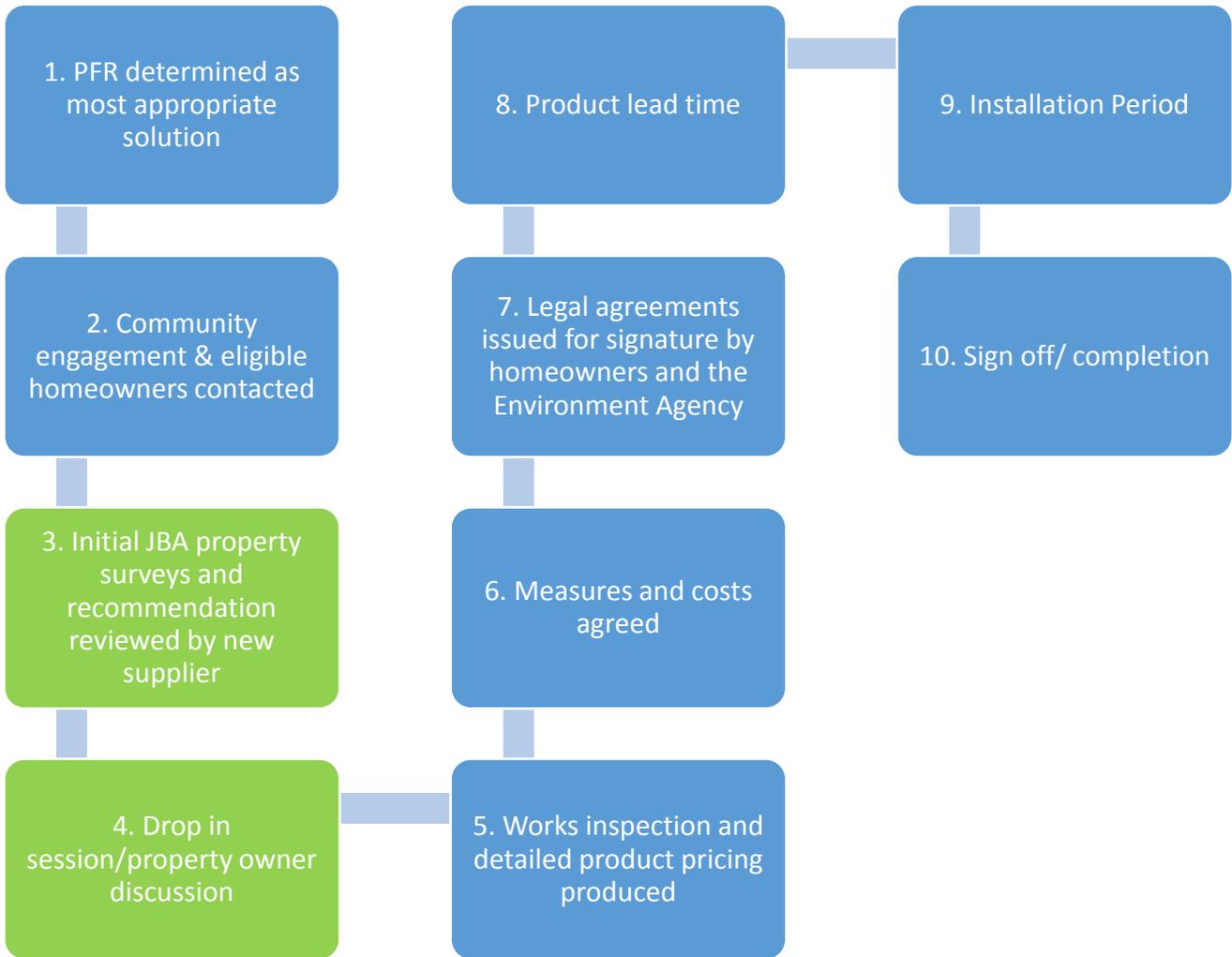


Figure 1: The PFR process

