

How will we achieve these objectives?

Much work has already been done. Following the groundwater flooding in 2013, detailed flood management plans were developed for the Pang and Lambourn Valleys. Building on these important new documents, further strategic objectives have been developed for the whole of West Berkshire.

In addition to this, a detailed action plan has been developed covering district wide flooding and drainage issues.

Your views

Your views are important to us and we need to know what you think of our strategy. To read the full Strategy and Action Plan, and fill in the on-line consultation questionnaire, please visit www.westberks.gov.uk/LFRMS. Alternatively, you can request a paper copy of the questionnaire by emailing sclark@westberks.gov.uk, or call Stuart Clark on **01635 519857** or Jon Winstanley on **01635 519087** if you require any further information or assistance.

Next Steps

Consultation on the draft strategy closes on **28 February 2014**. The results of the consultation will be reported to the Council's Executive on **28th March 2014**.

If you require this information in an alternative format or translation, please call 01635 42400 and ask for Highways and Transport.

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West Berkshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Consultation



West Berkshire Council would like your views on our draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. This leaflet provides an overview of the strategy; the full copy of the draft document can be viewed at www.westberks.gov.uk/LFRMS

What is a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS)?

The Government has recently given local authorities new powers to help manage local flood risk in a more coordinated way. These new responsibilities relate primarily to 'local' flood risk, namely, from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses (i.e. streams and ditches/drains). Flood risk from rivers (known as main rivers) remain the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

The LRFMS establishes a set of objectives and corresponding measures (presented as a Strategic Action Plan) that will steer the Council towards meeting those objectives; and provides a single, consistent reference point against which the Council can develop and monitor flood risk management.



Why is a Strategy needed?

West Berkshire Council recognises that flooding can have a far reaching impact on people's lives and is committed to minimising the effects of future flood events.

The strategy sets out how West Berkshire Council will work with other agencies and the public to understand local issues and to communicate and manage the risk of flooding. We therefore need your views on the draft document.



Who is the strategy for?

The LFRMS will help individuals, communities and businesses understand local flood risk, what action they can expect to see with regards local flood risk management, and what action they can take to reduce the risk from future flood events.

What are the objectives of the Strategy?

- To provide a clear explanation of the roles and responsibilities of organisations and individuals and how we can work together to manage flood risk;
- To develop a clear understanding of flood risk within West Berkshire and how best to increase the public's awareness;
- To develop plans to reduce existing flood risk while taking account of people, communities and the natural environment;
- To identify measures that aim to reduce existing flood risk;
- To ensure that planning decisions take full account of flood risk;
- To ensure that our emergency plans are effective and that individuals and communities understand their role before and during a flood event.