

## Zoom webinar Q&A 3

### Climate change and water

#### Responses to questions not answered in the webinar:

**1. It was mentioned it can be difficult to know which authority to report a flooding issue to. Where can I find further information?**

Further information can be found on the Gov.uk website: [report a flood or possible cause of flooding](#).

(Thank you to the webinar attendee for posting this link).

Cambridge County Council has information on its website on how to [report a flood](#).

Cambridge City Council has information on its website on [flooding](#).

South Cambridgeshire District Council has information on its website on [flooding](#).

**2. Where can I formally submit feedback on the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan consultation in relation to Climate change and water?**

Please visit the consultation pages via [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/nec](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/nec). In section [4. Climate change, water and biodiversity](#), we encourage comments and feedback on the following policies:

- [Policy 2: Designing for the climate emergency](#)
- [Policy 3: Energy and associated infrastructure](#)
- [Policy 4a: Water efficiency](#)
- [Policy 4b: Water quality and ensuring supply](#)
- [Policy 4c: Flood Risk and Sustainable Drainage](#)

The evidence supporting these policies is also listed here for further reading, including:

- [Climate Change Topic Paper \(2020\)](#)
- [Climate Change, Energy and Sustainable Design and Construction Topic Paper \(2020\)](#)
- [North East Cambridge Area Action Plan Area Flood Risk Assessment \(2019\)](#)
- [North East Cambridge Area Action Plan Surface Water Attenuation Report \(2019\)](#)
- [Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Policy Document 2016](#)

- [Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document \(2020\)](#)

### **3. Can you summarise what is involved with the Integrated Water Management Study?**

- Consultants Stantec have been appointed to carry out an Integrated Water Management Study to provide a robust evidence base to support the development of the Local Plan, which includes the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (NEC AAP) site.
- The aim of the study is to look at all aspects of the water environment, to consider the sustainability of the growth being proposed in the Local Plan, the water infrastructure that will be required, and the measures needed to manage and protect the water environment.
- The study consists of three reports:
  - An Outline Water Cycle Study (WCS), which will report on the baseline conditions of water resources, water quality, wastewater and flood risk in the area (as existing conditions, including development to date and the effects of climate change).
  - A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), which will look at all sources of flood risk in the area, including the effects of climate change. The Councils have a duty to prepare this report as a stand-alone document.
  - A Detailed Water Cycle Study (WCS), which will consider the sustainability of the growth being proposed (once we know where the sites will be) and the measures needed to protect the water environment, including new policies to be included in the Local Plan. This part of the study will provide additional evidence for the NEC AAP.
- Stantec are currently working on the outline WCS and SFRA and the study will be available in the Autumn. We are not expecting the first draft until September.
- The Councils and consultants are working with stakeholders to produce this evidence base including the Environment Agency, Natural England, the County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority), South Staffordshire (Cambridge) Water, Anglian Water, internal drainage boards and Water Resources East. Other relevant local stakeholders have been contacted and have inputted into the study e.g. Cam Valley Forum.
- The water resources element of the study will also be independently reviewed by a nationally recognised expert in this field to ensure rigorous scrutiny.