

East Lytham Flood Risk Scheme - Landowner Consultation Opens Day

Record of what was said

1st March 2016

What did you think of the scheme proposals?

- Interesting, but will they work?
- Proposals seem good, hopefully they will help our rural community. Time will tell whether this works but this still does need to be reviewed.
- Concern over how the gold club land drains into the Main Drain – any improvements proposed are welcomed.
- Pumping station proposals may work but the pumps need to run more frequently so Main Drain further back at Moss Side + Ballam farmers can see their field drains.
- Good in isolation but further attention is needed upstream as well.
- Very positive about the alternations to Main Drain.
- Maybe better to leave the area between the road and the pumped outfall open?
- Looks as though this will solve the issue, although other land owners must be made to ensure their drains are clear across the area.
- Feels inadequate considering the ongoing housing developments over the next 10 years – Queensway development of 1150 for example.
- No confidence in scheme.

Is there anything you would do differently?

- Better use of machinery and labour to provide more frequent dredging.
- Have more staff available during busy periods to talk to people – everyone was busy when I turned up.
- No mention of maintenance on the Wrea Brook – this has flooded 4 times since Christmas and this water eventually ends up in the Main Drain.
- Dig out all tributaries to get rid of silt accumulated to a reasonable depth – not just a bit of top weeds.
- Costs need to be met by all local authorities and affected residents – not just the farmers who are having water dumped on their land.
- Farm land needs to be recognised as a business premise as it doesn't feel like it is at the moment.
- The Wrea Brook is in desperate need of maintenance. At present it is overflowing in several places. The water then ends up in Main Drain after flooding hundreds of acres of farmland.
- A clear span bridge is the best solution at Dock Bridge with lock gates to block the tide.
- Salty silt can help some crops grow better if thinly spread. The EA should investigate what else it can do with the dredgings before going straight to disposal.
- The survey results the EA have taken have not been given to us – how can we do our own maintenance without these?
- Regular maintenance of the drains to prevent reduction in water flow.
- Prevent existing pumps from overheating (??) with an automatic cleaning system, increase the depth in the lagoon and build a bridge over the road with proper sluice gates.
- Desilt Main Drain from start to finish.
- Clean the drains and rivers out annually.

Further feedback

- Some concern about the Graving Dock culvert levels – EA should check these before carrying out any dredging to the Liggard Brook. Are the culvert levels higher on the river side?
- Penstocks – use these to flush under the road – hold water further back and pump out, then let go and flush to keep everything moving.
- Need to ensure all natural blockages in the channels are cleared.
- Please provide invert levels for the culverts at Dock Bridge and Wrea Brook.
- Would like to see the EA undertake maintenance to the Wrea Brook as this hasn't been seen in years.
- Would like to understand land/channel ownership across the catchment as well as who is responsible for doing what maintenance.
- Do new build houses when gaining planning permission have to pay a financial contribution to land drainage of the area? Its not just about storing the water on the new estate.
- The tidal flaps on the Wrea Brook are rusted open. These need to be removed/replaced.
- Maintenance is needed across the Wrea Brook.
- Moss Side drain maintenance is required.
- 50 yards inland of the penstocks at Dock Road is very important and you need to consider how to make it easier to carry out regular maintenance here.
- The Wrea Brook is discharging more often than not into the Main Drain – shouldn't this actually be the Ribble? Needs Maintaining urgently.
- We will be monitoring our land conditions once the work is complete.
- I'm willing to become an IDB and take control of the maintenance here - but the assets would need to be improved first.
- Its not fair to ask the farming community to contribute towards this if the assets aren't working properly.
- Residential property developments are exacerbating the situation.
- Developers should be financially responsible for ensuring water from their developments is dealt with – this should be a condition of planning.
- All problems result from the lack of basic dyke maintenance – i.e. annual desilting.
- Excellent idea to hold open meetings.
- Would like to see a colour codes map showing maintenance responsibilities across all parties moving forward

Recommendations:

| No | Recommendation | Timescale |
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| 1 | EA need to produce a map and supporting materials about maintenance to the Liggard Brook, Main Drain and Wrea Brook. To include maps of who is responsible for which assets. To include the process for landowners to undertake their own maintenance and clear lines of communications. | ASAP |
| 2 | EA to produce and provide results from their channel surveys to landowners so they can take their own action if required. | ASAP |
| 3 | EA should investigate the need for maintenance on the Wrea Brook – undertake should funding be available. | This financial year |
| 4 | EA to pass feedback on to the Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council as both have a role in land drainage as well as should take note on development | Ongoing |

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| | feedbacks. | |
| 5 | EA to investigate what river dredging is required on the Main Drain and Wrea Brook – both of which are currently outside the scheme funding scope. | To complete when contractor is appointed |
| 6 | EA to tender and appoint a contractor to undertake works – contractor will propose options for silt removal | Late summer 2016 |
| 7 | EA to outline the legislation it works to and where its responsibilities lay – such as not being able to provide a land drainage function. | ASAP |
| 8 | EA to survey Graving Dock culvert levels | Autumn 2016 – contractor to review |
| 9 | EA to continue to attend the East Lytham Working Group Meetings – this is proposed for next summer when a contractor has been appointed. | Late summer 2016 |
| 10 | EA to hold further community and business wide sessions to ensure everyone has an opportunity to feedback and comments on work. | Autumn 2016 |
| 11 | EA project team to work with EA IDB expert and NFU to continue to look at options for the creation of an IDB in the area. | Ongoing |

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