

Appendix B

Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Preliminary Consultation Results		
Questions	Agree	Disagree
1. Is it clear what the responsibilities of the Council are in relation to flood risk management?	3	1
2. Are the roles and responsibilities of the other risk management authorities clearly set out in the strategy?	3	1
3. Are the local flood risk objectives clear, comprehensive and appropriate in seeking to protect the interests of local communities?	3	1
4. Do the Strategy and Flood Risk Maps give you a clear idea of the potential type and extent of flood risk across Lewisham?	3	1
5. Is it clear what actions are being considered by the Council to manage local flood risk over the next six years?	3	1
6. Does the Strategy provide a clear direction on how the Council and its partners intend to manage local flood risk in the future?	3	1
Do you have any other comments on the LFRMS?	Flood risk and river restoration must be at the centre of all urban planning going forward, not a 'bolt-on' to development.	

The consultation process with the public yielded four responses. For all the questions asked three of the four respondents supported the approaches taken within the strategy. One respondent provided a comment for each of the questions asked. These comments will be taken into account during the final preparation of the documents and many of the comments are of interest to colleagues in the Planning Policy Team.

In addition to the answers made to the online questionnaire individual responses were received from statutory consultees:

Environment Agency
 Thames Water Utilities Ltd.
 London Borough of Southwark
 Historic England
 Marine Management Organisation

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Environment Agency (EA) summary of reply:

The EA suggested that the document may need to be clearer from the outset, which organisation is responsible for various sources of local flood risk. The EA also suggested stating that the Action Plan will inform the EA's Flood Risk Management Plan. In addition the EA suggested adding commuters to the list of beneficiaries, given that the work with TfL for the Lewisham & Catford Flood Alleviation Scheme has identified significant disruption from flooding to key regional infrastructure in the borough. They also suggested adding some additional case studies on implementing solutions to local flood risk sources through SuDS or other means.

Thames Water Utilities Ltd. summary of reply:

TWUL strongly support the use of SUDS not only to manage the potential for increased flood risk, but also to improve the quality of water entering sewers and provide the opportunity to create features which have amenity and biodiversity value in urban areas. They supported the recognition in the main document that sewer flooding is a source of flood risk. They supported the objectives of the strategy and recommended that in the section on funding, wording is amended to say:

“Thames Water Sewer and Flood Alleviation Schemes – these projects are part of Thames Water’s proposals to upgrade the sewerage system and reduce the risk of sewer flooding.”

London Borough of Southwark summary of reply:

LBS commented that the document is of high quality and represents a robust approach to flood risk management, they were positive about the sections on funding and key performance indicators. In order to strengthen the document, like the Environment Agency, LBS suggested a section providing more detail on previous or planned local flood alleviation schemes. LBS also suggested reviewing flood alleviation schemes that may provide benefits to both boroughs.

Historic England summary of reply:

HE emphasised the relevance of the historic environment to the LFRMS both with regard to threats to heritage assets from water incursion or changes to the water table, and from the potential developments or measures that may be put in place to manage flood risk. They also highlighted that flood risk management can provide certain opportunities for positive conservation.

Marine Management Organisation summary of reply:

They have no specific comments on draft LFRMS but draw attention to the role of the organisation in preparing plans for inshore and offshore waters.