

Lincolnshire Riparian Project

Action Plan

UID	Measure	Where	When	Who	Cost	Funding Source	Status	How
1	Awareness - raising of rights and responsibilities among riparian landowners. This is in conjunction with national communication campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Lincolnshire 	March 2022 – March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Partnership (The Partnership) North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) 	Officer Time	NA	Ongoing	<p>We have developed an engagement plan and have acted on arrangements therein. This has included the development of 2 No. films and a leaflet which summarises the rights and responsibilities of riparian owners.</p> <p>We have also undertaken, as part of a trial, tailored engagement within three of four parish and town councils and will continue working with them moving forward. Tailored engagement activities are scheduled to be undertaken in May 2023 with the remaining parish council.</p>
2	Developing a more consistent and visible approach for consenting and enforcement activities on watercourses across Greater Lincolnshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Lincolnshire 	Initially close of play July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Completed	We have developed and implemented a shared enforcement guide with endorsement being provided by the Strategy Group of the Partnership, NELC and NLC.
3	The strengthening of the existing first point of contact principle, and its extension across Greater Lincolnshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership, NELC NLC 	Initially by end of April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Completed	We have developed a shared contact list for Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) across Greater Lincolnshire and will keep this under review and update as required.
4	Strengthening the partnership across Greater Lincolnshire by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> actively developing and upskilling staff reviewing existing arrangements promoting the good work undertaken by the partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Flood and Drainage Groups Internal Drainage Board Meetings Scrutiny Committees 	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Ongoing	<p>We have recently undertaken the below activities to strengthen existing partnership working arrangements including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of existing arrangements with regards to communications between internal drainage boards and local authority scrutiny committees The development and circulation of a joint training and professional development programme <p>In addition to the above we are currently progressing the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active promotion of good news stories The development of 'in-house' training Active promotion of lessons identified
5	Refinement and expansion of responses to conveyancing enquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincolnshire 	By May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) 	Officer Time	NA	Completed	LCC has revised its standing advice to Question 21 of CON enquiries, and will keep this under review and update as required.
6	Establishing a register of organisations able to undertake rapid, small-scale maintenance work	NA	Initially by end of June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	TBC	TBC	On-hold	Discussions are currently on hold (due to staff turnover) with the National Flood Forum regarding ways of establishing a register of organisations able to undertake small-scale maintenance work.
7	Improve the regularity and visibility of the four local flood and drainage groups to identify local issues and implement solutions quickly within existing resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Flood and Drainage Groups 	Initially by end of June 2022, thereafter this shall be repeated every six months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Completed	We have developed a forward programme of meeting dates and have undertaken an embedding process which reiterated the importance of these meetings. The status of this measure will now be kept under review.

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8	Exploration of new sources of resource or means of better co-ordinating existing resource dedicated to this area of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Lincolnshire 	By March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	TBC	TBC	Ongoing	<p>We are currently exploring new sources of resource or means of better co-ordinating existing resource. This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobbying the Local Government Association to increase the amount of funding received from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities, Lobbying central government through professional networks, such as Association of Drainage Authorities to ensure adequate funding is provided for maintenance activities, Presenting a compelling case for increasing organisational budgets with regards to land drainage or community resilience to local authorities, Making greater use of funding and financing from non-public sector sources to contribute to the investment needs of flood and coastal resilience, Greater and more coordinated use of Local Levy funding Promotion of funding opportunities at local flood and drainage groups, and Identification of opportunities for cross project collaboration to develop economies of scale. <p>We are in the process of arranging a training session with regards how partner organisations can better take advantage of alternative funding sources (e.g., green finance). In addition to this we are currently exploring how a more coordinated use of available finance can be realised through development of a shared forward programme.</p>
9	The establishing of principles for the reasonable inspection of partner assets during site visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincolnshire North Lincolnshire 	By February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Completed	A principle for the reasonable inspection of partner assets during site visits has been incorporated into the terms of reference of the Partnership.
10	Lobbying through professional networks such as the Association of Drainage Authorities to influence the direction of local and national planning policy with regards to flood risk and water management	NA	By March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Ongoing	<p>The Partnership continues to comment on national consultations about flood risk and water management through professional networks. For instance the partnership is being consulted on the 'Your Watercourse: Rights and Roles' draft guidance document for riparian owners.</p> <p>We are currently undertaking a review of development free edge policies within Greater Lincolnshire.</p>
11	Consider the creation of byelaws in specific locations where proportionate and appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincolnshire North Lincolnshire 	Initially by October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NLC 	Officer Time	NA	On-hold	Due to resource concerns across the Partnership this measure has been put on hold.
12	The development of a national community of best practice	NA	By March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Ongoing	We have put forward, in collaboration with Cambridgeshire County Council, a recommendation to the Flood and Water Group of ADEPT that consideration be given for the establishment of a national community of best practice with respect to riparian owners. We are currently awaiting a response to this recommendation.
13	The identification and digitisation of localised riparian assets within high consequence flood risk areas	TBC	Online map by June 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC NLC 	Officer Time	NA	Completed	We have published an online map that depicts the location of watercourses in Lincolnshire. We have also identified riparian assets within two trial parishes and as such now have a better understanding

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			Identification of assets by December 2022					as to the benefits and resource demands of this activity, alongside identified various lessons for future consideration.
14	Encouraging Risk Management Authorities across Greater Lincolnshire to formally designate assets as flood risk assets under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Flood and Drainage Groups Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Group 	Initially by end of June 2022, thereafter this shall be repeated every six months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership NELC NLC 	Officer Time Legal Resources	Individual Organisations	Completed	Members of the Partnership have been reminded of the powers available to them with regards asset designation. The status of this measure will now be kept under review.