



# Progress Newsletter

## UPDATE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

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### Next Stage of the BFI Strategy

In this latest edition of the BFI Progress Newsletter, we can share news that our **Elected Members Forum** met in July and unanimously endorsed the approach laid out for the next stage of the BFI Strategy at a recent meeting held in July.

The minutes of the meeting, chaired by Councillor Eric Vardy of Norfolk County Council, can be found on our website [here](#)

Our vision for the BFI plan:

*"Together, we improve the resilience of people, and places and the environment to flooding, as we adapt to the changing climate".*

How we achieve this requires the appraisal of possible different actions for managing flood risk, referred to as 'options', and this is the next stage we are soon to enter. 'Options appraisal' is the name given for the process of identifying the range of different management actions available and

then comparing their sustainability, costs, benefits, and other relevant factors in order to see which action or combination of actions best meets our agreed BFI objectives. Also, since the BFI strategy will adapt to climate change, we will be appraising potential different sequences of actions through time, known as an 'adaptive pathway'.

### What is the Elected Members Forum?

The role of the Elected Members Forum is to provide a strategic steer, receive advice and recommendations, review BFI progress and reach agreements based on financial, environmental, and technical evidence presented by the Initiative Project Team.

The Elected Members Forum will take back conclusions and seek formal endorsement from our Local Authorities before final adoption by our Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC).

The Elected Members Forum comprises one appointed elected representative from each Local Authority within the Initiative study area, preferably with an interest in flood and coastal risk management. The Broads Authority is also represented by one of their appointed members.

To help everyone understand more about the process on options appraisal, and to explain in more detail what exactly we are going to do, we have created an Options Appraisal video which explains this important process that we will go through. You can watch this on Youtube by clicking the image below, or by visiting our [webpage](#).



### Your views as part of the process

In our [previous newsletter](#) we informed you that we will be wanting to hear your suggestions and ideas on what you would like to see as possible flood risk management actions on the ground, and your ideas to provide potential solutions to flooding issues.

### We can confirm we will be seeking these views from January 2023.

This will be an online exercise following feedback from our previous public engagement, which tells us this is the most popular method by which people wish to engage with us and give us their opinions.

However, we will also be seeking opportunities to hear from our stakeholders face to face during the process.

Once we have compiled the long list of possible actions, it will be screened to identify the most promising actions that will then be subject to more detailed scrutiny.

This is an important step in the BFI strategy's development, and we are looking for as much public input as possible during this process. Towards the end of 2022 we will provide more details on exactly how you can have your say.

### BFI in Brundall for Broads Authority Local Plan consultation

The BFI project team have been invited to the public drop in event at Brundall for the Broads Authority's Local Plan Issues and Options and Design Guide consultation.

The BFI will have a stand and members of the project team will be available throughout the afternoon 4pm until 8pm to answer any questions the public may have.

Here is some initial information on the drop-in series and about the two consultations from the Broads Authority:

"The Design Guide will help to ensure that new development relates well to its surroundings and enhances the Broads with

development that is sustainable, increases biodiversity, improves accessibility, and contributes to the local area.

In the Local Plan for the Broads, the Authority sets out policies that help determine the outcome of future planning applications. While the **Issues and Options version** of the Local Plan that is being consulted on does not contain policies, it asks people for their thoughts on various issues such as housing, residential moorings, landscape, wildlife, design, and navigation."

Consultation will begin early October for ten weeks. Documents will be available here: [Consultations \(broads-authority.gov.uk\)](https://broads-authority.gov.uk)

There will be public drop in events as listed below.

- **10<sup>th</sup> October: 4pm - 8pm**  
- Brundall Memorial Hall – Lounge
- **2<sup>nd</sup> November: 4pm - 8pm** – Oulton Community Centre – Small Hall
- **12<sup>th</sup> November: 10am - 1pm** – Potter Heigham Village Hall

### Have you seen our FAQ?

Since beginning development of the BFI strategy, we have been logging frequently asked questions which we have received. This may have been through online consultations, direct enquiries, or at face-to-face events. As a result, a very useful Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document is available for people to read at any time.

Of course, from time to time, there are new questions that inevitably come up, and you are welcome to contact us if you have questions that are not within our FAQ.

You can visit our FAQ page either by clicking [here](#), or by visiting our [webpage](#).

### Website Feedback

We have had our BFI webpage up and running for 3 years now and have developed a lot of useful and informative content on the page for you to view. However, we are always looking to improve the way in which we present information and so we welcome any feedback you may have to help us engage with you in the best way possible online. If you do have any feedback, please use the contact details below.

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