



Broadland Futures Initiative

Progress Newsletter

UPDATE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

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Early talks

Since our first newsletter in September 2019 we have been very busy raising awareness to working groups, professional partners and organisations about the Broadland Futures Initiative.

Although they remain early days for the BFI in terms of its development, these initial and important talks are a vital part of ensuring that we are transparent and clear with our ambitions and targets from the outset.

Members of the BFI project team presented at several stakeholder events throughout the autumn and winter period.

Key events with BFI Presentation:

- The Regional Flood & Coastal Committee
- The Upper Thurne Working Group
- The Broadland Catchment Partnership
- The North Norfolk Coast Forum
- University of East Anglia & Coastal Futures (Tim O’Riordan)
- The Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership.
- Internal Drainage Board
- Norfolk Wildlife Trust Trinity Broads 25th Anniversary Event

What was said? Much was covered, from addressing the progress since the high level review in 2016, to current challenges, climate change impacts, affordability, governance and partnership structure.

In addition, we shared our results from the 2019 online community stakeholder survey which was held during June and July. A summary of these results can be found in our first newsletter available via the BFI webpage.

We also discussed next steps, plans for 2020’s public consultations and the potential use of digital media and online

consultations to bolster our engagement with our stakeholders.



Progress update

As well as raising awareness with our stakeholder groups, we are drafting and reviewing materials and study reports. Near completion is an appraisal of how



View of Halvergate Marshes © Jeremy Halls

the physical, economic and social nature of the plan area has evolved and come into being. This includes the effect of human induced change such as through land reclamation, drainage, urban development and coastal management.



Presentation at No8 Offices to Norfolk Biodiversity Group

Views and suggestions from the communities that live, work and visit the Broad's is a key component of the project.

We aim to share the study reports with our stakeholders via the webpage and at our public consultations later this year.



A look ahead

Website content is being developed for you to engage with and use, including video content, photos, an FAQ page, and updated text.

Work will continue with the development of study reports, as already mentioned.

Our flood modelling work continues to gather pace, this is an important part of the project. This computer based simulation helps us understand the nature of possible future flooding. This includes the effects of climate change and sea level rise.

We are aiming to host a number of public consultation events in Broadland Futures Initiative Study area this year, in the summer and autumn months to help set objectives for future flood risk management within the final BFI plan. We are mindful that the sessions must be informative and give stakeholders the best opportunities to share their views. Therefore, we are planning approximately 6 consultations in different locations.

These will be exhibition style events where people can stay as long or as briefly as they wish and discuss the information, ask questions and give their feedback on the project material available to look through.

More detail will be provided in the coming months once locations and the format of the events have been confirmed.



Flood Modelling Survey

With rising sea levels and a changing climate, the risks from flooding are changing for the coast and Broads. The Broadland Futures Initiative is a partnership that has been set up to agree a framework on future flood risk management to better cope with our changing climate.

As part of this project we will be developing new computer-based flood modelling. New flood models are complex and this process is likely to take some time. However, all flood models require calibration and validation using real-world observations. Therefore, we often include traditional ground surveying and observations, in particular for complex areas or where parts of the model struggle to match what we witness during flood events.

So, here is where we would love to hear from you. We are inviting you to contribute to this process by completing a short online survey and if you have any thoughts, data or any information you feel applicable please use this opportunity to let us know so that our modellers can be as informed as possible.

The survey is open for 4 weeks running from the 28th February 2020 and closing on the 29th March 2020. We will share the results with you on our webpage and at our public consultation events later this year.

Compatible with smartphones and tablets you can complete our survey anywhere. If you wish, you can click the link here to go straight to it.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bfifloodmodelsurvey>

We are really grateful for you input and as always we want to put our communities' thoughts and views at the heart of this process.



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