

Lincolnshire Riparian Project Update – Proposed Action Plan

ID	Measure	Where	When	Who	Cost	Funding Source	How
1	Awareness-raising of rights and responsibilities among riparian landowners – in conjunction with national communication campaigns	Greater Lincolnshire	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	TBC	TBC	The development of an engagement plan and the enacting of arrangements therein
2	Developing a more consistent and visible approach for consenting and enforcement activities on watercourses across Greater Lincolnshire	Greater Lincolnshire	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	Officer Time	NA	The development and embedding of an enforcement guide
3	The strengthening of the existing first point of contact principle, and its extension across Greater Lincolnshire	The Partnership, NELC & NLC	TBC	The Partnership, NELC & NLC	Officer Time	NA	The development of a list of contacts for all RMAs across Greater Lincolnshire
4	Refinement and expansion of responses to conveyancing enquiries	Lincolnshire	TBC	LCC	Officer Time	NA	Update the standing advice provided by LCC to conveyancing enquiries to incorporate information regarding riparian landownership
5	Establishing a register of organisations able to undertake rapid, small-scale maintenance work	NA	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	TBC	TBC	Investigate ways of establishing a register of organisations. Potential routes may include the expansion of the Blue Pages
6	Improve the regularity and visibility of the four local flood and drainage groups to identify local issues and implement solutions quickly within existing resource	Local Flood & Drainage Groups	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	Officer Time	NA	Undertake an embedding process which reiterates the importance of these meetings, why attendance is beneficial, expectations and roles and responsibilities. In addition to the above a forward programme of meetings shall be established
7	Exploration of new sources of resource or means of better co-ordinating existing resource dedicated to this area of work	Greater Lincolnshire	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	TBC	TBC	Explore new sources of resource or means of better co-ordinating existing resource, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying the LGA to increase the amount of funding received from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities • Lobbying central government through professional networks, such as ADA, ADEPT, LGA to ensure adequate funding is provided for maintenance activities • Setting money aside from council taxes for land drainage works • Presenting a compelling case for increasing organisational budgets with regards to land drainage and / 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 • Developing a consistent approach regarding charging for advice
8	The establishing of principles for the reasonable inspection of partner assets during site visits	Lincolnshire North Lincolnshire	TBC	The Partnership, NLC	Officer Time	NA	Will look to establish and embed a principle for the reasonable inspection of partner assets during site visits, drawing upon the

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							experience gained from existing informal arrangements within North East Lincolnshire
9	Lobbying through professional networks such as ADEPT, the LGA and ADA to influence the direction of local and national planning policy with regards to flood risk and water management	NA	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	Officer Time	NA	Comment on national consultations about flood risk and water management in planning policy through professional networks such as ADEPT, the LGA and ADA. In addition to the above a review of existing development free edge policies within Greater Lincolnshire shall be undertaken
10	Consider the creation of byelaws in specific locations where proportionate and appropriate	Lincolnshire North Lincolnshire	TBC	The Partnership, NLC	Officer Time	NA	Work with partner organisations to determine the benefits of this measure, the implications of it, and identify alternative solutions
11	The development of a national community of best practice through networks such as ADEPT	NA	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	Officer Time	NA	Actively promote the work being undertaken across Greater Lincolnshire, with recommendations to professional bodies for the development of a national community of best practice with regards to riparian landownership
12	The identification and monitoring of key riparian assets within high consequence flood risk areas	TBC	TBC	LCC, NLC	Officer Time	NA	The publishing of an online map that depicts the location of watercourses, in addition to key riparian assets. Initially the mapping of key riparian assets shall be restricted to 4 trial sites, thus enabling the determination of benefits and resource demands alongside the identification of lessons
13	Strengthening the partnership across Greater Lincolnshire by actively developing and upskilling staff, reviewing existing arrangements and promoting the good work undertaken by the partnership	Local Flood & Drainage Groups Internal Drainage Board Meetings Scrutiny Committees	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	Officer Time	NA	The undertaking of various activities to strengthen the existing partnership across Greater Lincolnshire, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The active promotion of good news stories • The development and circulation of a joint training and professional development programme • The active promotion of lessons identified • A review of existing arrangements with regards to communications between internal drainage boards and local authority scrutiny committees
14	Encouraging Risk Management Authorities (RMA) across Greater Lincolnshire to formally designate assets as flood risk assets under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010	Local Flood & Drainage Groups Management Group	TBC	The Partnership, NELC, NLC	Officer Time Legal Resources	Individual Organisations	Encourage RMAs via the development of briefing papers to consider designating assets under Schedule 1 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010

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List of Abbreviations

The Partnership means the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Partnership

NELC means the North East Lincolnshire Council

NLC means the North Lincolnshire Council

LCC means the Lincolnshire County Council

RMAs means Risk Management Authorities as defined within Section 6(13) of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010.

ADA means the Association of Drainage Authorities

ADEPT means the Association of Directors of Environment, Planning and Transport

LGA means the Local Government Association

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